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VOL. 2 "HE WHO DOMINATES HIS PASSIONS"

HIROYUKI TAKEI
PRESENTS:

"BOLD BUDDHABOYS" WHO THE VENTURE!

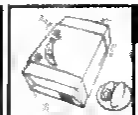
SITCHI FUKU JINN - THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS

THEY ARE THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS, THAT WE FIND AND CELEBRATE TRADITIONALLY FOR THE NEW YEAR. IT'S A MOTLEY GROUP WHOSE MEMBERS ORIGINALLY COME FROM CHINA, INDIA AND JAPAN. THEY ALL POSSESS THE POWER TO GRANT OUR WISHES. BUT THEY VANISHED VERY FAST IN OUR STORY, THEY WON'T BE DOING ANYTHING MORE FOR US HERE. THEY WERE A BIT MODIFIED REGARDING THEIR ORIGINAL REPRESENTATION

1/BISHAMON
2/HOTEI
3/DAIKOKOU
4/JUROJINN
5/EBISU
6/FUKUROKUJU
7/BEN'TENN

MIKIO ITO (?)

A MYSTERIOUS CHARACTER THAT APPEARS IN JUMP (THE WEEKLY) FROM TIME TO TIME. WE KNOW HIS NAME (IS THIS THE REAL ONE?) BUT NOTHING ABOUT HIS ORIGINS. WE KNOW HE LOVES TO SING LOVE SONGS WITH A LUGUBRIOUS VOICE



SLICE OF BANANA IS IN CAN

A FAMOUS REGIONAL PRODUCT. THE NAME IS CLEAR ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS. THIS PRODUCT IS SUCCESSFUL (IT'S AN INVENTION)

THE CLAN FOR THE PROMOTION OF ONE-PIECE SWIMSUITS

IT ONLY HAS THREE MEMBERS. MR MATSUI, MR BO AND MYSELF. WE ACCEPT ALL APPLICATIONS

RESUME

WHEN A BUDDHA WANTS TO COME TO EARTH, HE HAS TO BORROW THE "BODY" OF A STATUE AT HIS EFFIGY, IT'S WHAT'S CALLED TO TAKE THE "BUTSU-ZONE" (LITERALLY "THE BUDDHIC SPACE"). SENNJU, REPRESENTING THE BODHISATVA KANNON, CAME TO EARTH TO FULFILL THE MISSION WHICH HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO HIM BY THE KING OF THE BUDDHAS, THE GREAT DAI-NICHI-NYORAI. HE HAS TO ESCORT A YOUNG GIRL CALLED SATCHI AS FAR AS INDIA. SHE SHOULD BE THE REINCARNATION OF THE BODHISATVA MIROKOU, AND AWAKEN THERE. AT PRESENT THE EARTH HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE WORLD OF LUST, AND ONLY THE BODHISATVA MIROKOU CAN SAVE IT. UNFORTUNATELY, EVIL ENTITIES, CALLED BY THE DEMON MARA AND FEEDING ON THE BAD DESIRES OF MANKIND, WILL DO ALL THEY CAN TO PREVENT OUR TWO HEROES FROM EVER REACHING THEIR FINAL DESTINATION. FORTUNATELY, SENNJU UNTIL NOW SUCCEEDED IN RESISTING THE SEVERAL ATTACKS OF MARA (DIABOLICAL SPIRITS, SERVANTS OF THE MOST DOWN "STATE OF LIFE" AS THE ANGER, ARROGANCE, ANIMALITY, ETC.). THANKS TO HIS ARMOR AND HIS TECHNIQUE OF A THOUSAND FISTS. HE WAS ALSO HELPED BY AN EMISSARY OF THE BODHISATVA JIZO, PERSONIFIED BY A SMALL STONE STATUE OF JIZO. HE DECIDED TO HELP THEM GO AS FAR AS INDIA. BUT MARA, WHO HATES TO BE DEFEATED, CONTINUES TO REGULARLY SEND KILLERS TO STOP THE PROGRESS OF OUR TRIO. HE EVEN KILLED THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS IN HIGH SEAS TO PREVENT SENNJU AND HIS FRIENDS FROM CROSSING THE SEAS

PRESENTATION OF CHARACTERS

SATCHI, THE REINCARNATION OF MIROKOU

AS A BABY, SHE WAS ABANDONED IN FRONT OF SAIGANN TEMPLE. AN OLD MONK TOOK CARE OF HER, BECOMING HER ADOPTIVE GRAND-FATHER. SHE IS A FIGHTER(*). AT FIRST SHE DIDN'T TRUST SENNJU, BUT DUE TO A SERIES OF EVENTS, HER HEART HAS OPENED UP A BIT

SENNJU, EMMISARY OF KANNON

HIS MISSION IS TO SAVE ALL PEOPLE WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS, WITH HIS THOUSAND ARMS OF TENDERNESS AND COMPASSION. HIS MAIN TASK: FOR NOW IS TO PROTECT SATCHI. HE'S MADE OF WOOD

JIZO, GUARDIAN OF CHILDREN AND TRAVELERS

HE'S ONE OF THE MOST KNOWN BODHISATVAS IN ASIA. HE HATES TO BE CALLED "STONE HEAD". HE LOVES RICE BALLS AND SMALLS GIFTS. HE APPEARED WHEN SENNJU WAS IN DANGER. HE'S MADE OF STONE

KOMA, THE DOG OF STONE

SENNJU SAVED HIM WHEN HE WAS ABANDONED. NOW HE'S VERY CLOSE TO SENNJU AND HIS BUNCH OF FRIENDS. HE LIKES CHEESE

MIKE MINOURA AND THE MINOURA CLAN

THEY'RE A BUNCH OF LOUTS BUT WITH BIG HEARTS. THE AUTHOR USED THE NAME "MINOURA" IN TRIBUTE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN COMIC ACTOR "MIKE MIGNOLA"

(*) SHE'S A FIGHTER (AS IN "LIFE CAN'T TAKE HER DOWN"
DW: I'M KICKING THE BALLS OF WHOEVER ASKED ME TO TRANSLATE THIS PAGE

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A complete
History
Death Zero!
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The Wish of a Thousand Arms

The Bodhisattva Kannon made a wish to protect all people with his thousand arms. That's why we nickname him Sennju ("thousand arms" in Japanese) Kannon

Sennju Kannon

Bodhisattva Kannon is supposed to be able to spread out his thousand arms and eyes, in order to save all beings without exception. Thousand is only an abstract number which is supposed to represent infinity. It expresses the real limitless compassion which animates all his actions

His Leitmotiv

Good actions unfailingly lead to good fortunes (as Buddha Amida revealed)

His Attributes

1/ A water vase
2/ A lotus

The Halberd-trident

Only Sennju Kannon possesses it

His Armor

The armor protects the disciples of Kannon who reside in the Buddhas' country

It happens that we put three fabrics that are very soft under the feet of the inhabitants of the Buddhas' country when those ones go to walk

Clapsed hands, to mark a prayer

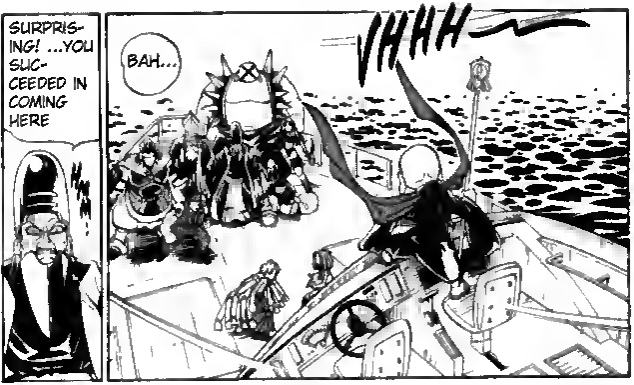
This gesture is the most honorary in India

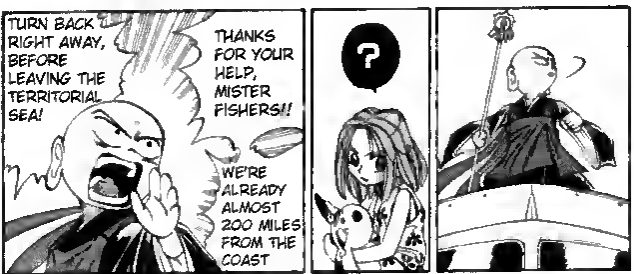
JIZO?! BUT...
...JIZO?!
JI...
I'M YOUR OPPONENT... SO, COME IF YOU DARE!!
LISTEN TO ME, LOSERS ...
HMM ...
TA—DAAH

HE HE ... I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM
ZAH
ilk ilk ilk
EBISU BUTSU-DROID
HO HO ... A FEARLESS ONE
IT'S ONLY A SMALL FREAK
WITH MY SPECIAL TECHNIQUE, I'LL TURN THIS LITTLE PRETENTIOUS ... INTO SASHIMI!"
BE CAREFUL! THE FISH IS COVERED WITH A SHARP BLADE!
THE SPECIAL BLADE OF EBISU!!
HEH
WHAT A PITIFUL TECHNIQUE

HE REDUCED MY FISH TO PIECES
WHAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
BING
HAH !!
DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT MY HEAD IS MADE OF STONE?
HE HE
POOR IMBECILE
THE INVINCIBLE MALLET STRIKE OF DAIKOKU!!
BUT EVEN IN STONE YOUR HEAD WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RESIST THE MALLET STRIKE OF DAIKOKU!!!
HA HA! A HEAD OF STONE?
INTERESTING!
KROUUU

TOO BAD FOR YOU
BOM
YOU'RE UNDER-ESTIMATING ME...
VM
VM
VM
BE CAREFUL! ...THIS LITTLE DWARF IS STRONGER THAN HE LOOKS!
DAIK OKOU !
GUAHH
YOU? ...A BODHI-SATVA?
MOVE OUT! OR YOU'LL DIE...
...I CAN BE EVEN MORE NASTY THAN THIS...
HEY, YOU...IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO BREAK YOU IN TWO, YOU'D BETTER TRANSPORT ME TO THE OTHER BOAT...
GHH
GAH




TURN BACK RIGHT AWAY, BEFORE LEAVING THE TERRITORIAL SEA!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, MISTER FISHERS!!
WE'RE ALREADY ALMOST 200 MILES FROM THE COAST
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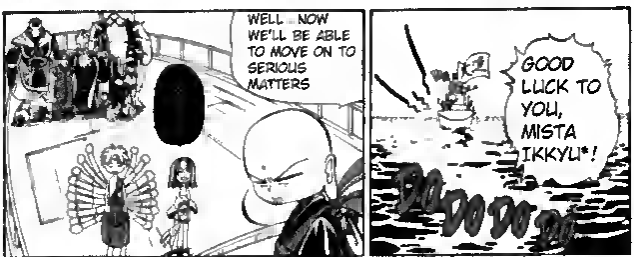
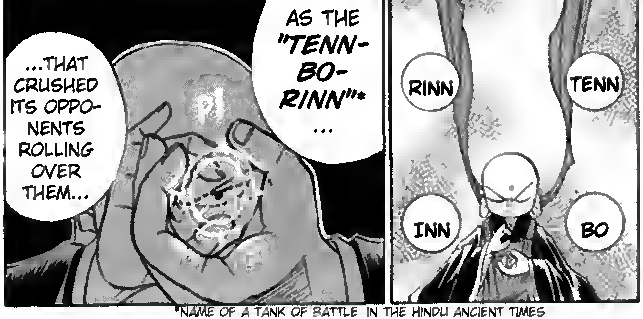
DN MILES AS IN NAUTICAL MILES

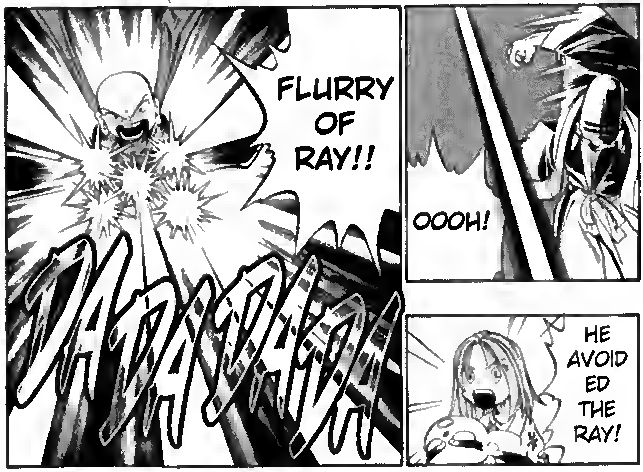


*FAMOUS JAPANESE MONK

MARAS ! DAMNED DEMONS !
SAH!
ALL OF THIS, IS YOUR FAULT!!
GA-TCHA
.. WHO DARES TO MOCK THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPI-NESS!
A LITTLE DWARF WITH A STONE HEAD
VERY AMUS ING...
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE
!
..WE'RE GOING TO BEAT THEM IN ONE MOVE
SENNJU ..



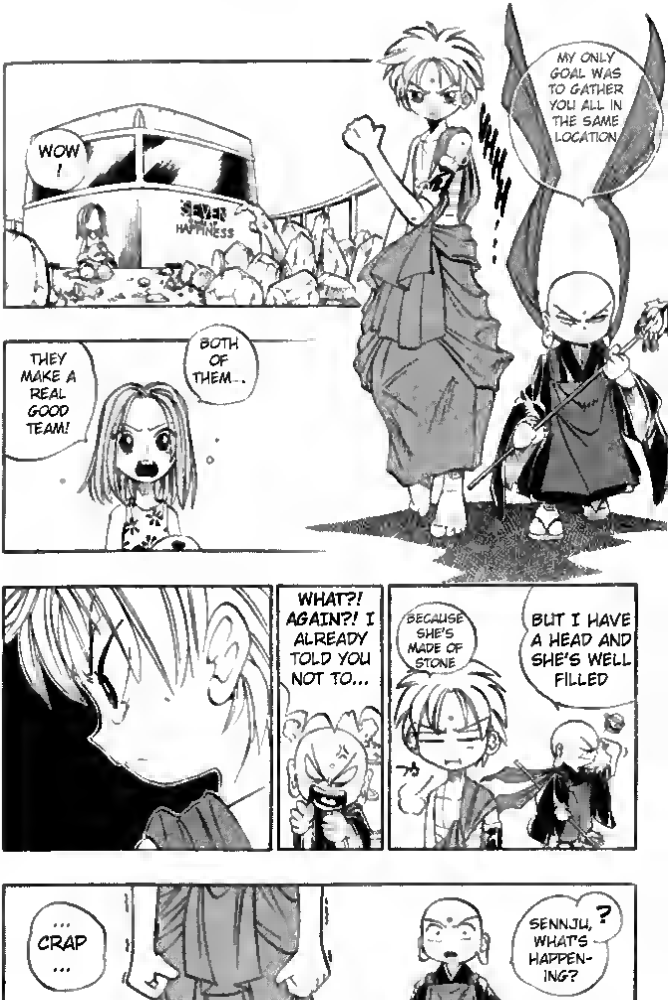
*NAME OF A TANK OF BATTLE IN THE HINDU ANCIENT TIMES


FLURRY OF RAY!!
DARARAR

YOU DIDN'T SUCCEED IN TOUCHING EVEN ONE OF US!
ZAH
ZAH
ZAH
HA HA HA! WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO AIM?
...THINK THAT I MISSED MY TARGETS?
SO, YOU REALLY ...
HE HE
WE TOLD YOU ALREADY THAT YOU'LL LOSE THIS BATTLE!!
WHAT ?!?

HE GOT US! HE USED HIS RAY TO GATHER US!
NOW SENNJU !!
THAT'LL BE MY ARMS STRIKE IN UNISON!!
"BY THE GRACE AND MERCY OF BODHISATTVA KANNON..."
THE THOUSAND FIST ATTACK

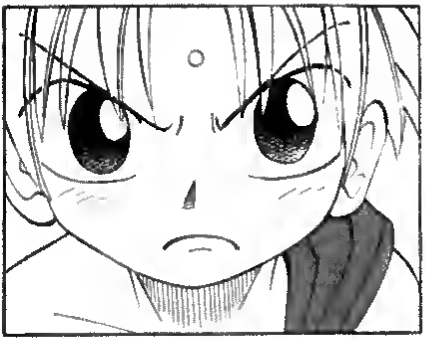
GLING
MY RAYS WERE OF WEAK POWER...THE TRUTH IS THAT I DIDN'T AIM AT YOU...
GOOO


WOW !
MY ONLY GOAL WAS TO GATHER YOU ALL IN THE SAME LOCATION.
WHAH!!
THEY MAKE A REAL GOOD TEAM!
BOTH OF THEM..
WHAT?! AGAIN?! I ALREADY TOLD YOU NOT TO...
BECAUSE SHE'S MADE OF STONE
BUT I HAVE A HEAD AND SHE'S WELL FILLED
... CRAP ...
SENNJU, WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT USE IS MY ARMOR IF I CAN'T SAVE THE PEOPLE I MEET?!
WHY ARE THESE PEOPLE ATTACK-ING US?
BRUM
WHY DO BUDDHAS HAVE TO FIGHT?
THEY 'RE DEAD
YOU HAVE A WEAK HEART!
PFF
... SENNJU ...
OURSELVES, THE FIGHT WE DO.... IT IS A FIGHT TO SAVE THE OTHERS
LIFE ITSELF IS A BATTLE HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT?'
NO MATTER THE DOMAINS WORK, LOVE, FAMILY STUDY, SOCIETY SINCE MEN WANT TO CHANGE, THEY MAKE THINGS ADVANCE, THEY HAVE TO BATTLE TO SUCCEED IN IT

IN A FIGHT, WE CAN'T SAVE AND FIGHT FOES AT THE SAME TIME!
BUT ...
I ALREADY KNOW THAT!
NO, I REFUSE!
GAAH
FOOL! WE HAD TO DESTROY THEM! IT'S OUR JOB!!

I HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SAVE EVEN THE MARAS! THE BAD SPIRITS DESERVE MERCY TOO!
THEN, I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SAVE THEM!
I AM SENNJU KANNON!



BUT ...
HOW COULD YOU WANT TO DO A THING THAT STUPID?!

WHEN I LOOK AT HIS EYES, I ALMOST BELIEVE THAT HE'S RIGHT
BUT HOW ?
HE REALLY INTENDS TO DO WHAT HE JUST TOLD ME...
HE'S VERY SERIOUS
I CAN'T RESIST THAT DETERMINED LOOK

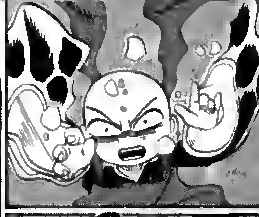
HOW DID THOSE DIABOLICAL SPIRITS, KNOW THAT WE WERE ON THIS BOAT?
BY THE WAY
BE SURE, WE WERE THE ONLY ONES ABLE TO "MASTER" THE STATUES
IS THERE A TRAITOR AMONG US?

PFF
DO WHAT YOU WANT
POF

THERE WAS A STATUE OF ASHURA TOO ON THIS BOAT.
POOH
!
OF COURSE IT'S ONLY A STATUE ...
ITS POWER IS REALLY INFERIOR TO THE REAL ASHURA...

DAAH
WHO ARE YOU ?!
HEY !!
SPLAOUF
JIZO !!
...NO !!

AH
JIZO, NO!!
WHAT'S HAPPENED?!



PLUS
IRONE THE EIGHT MAIN

HE COMES FROM THE
HE CAN'T BE POSSESSED

SO, WHY DID HE ATTACK ME?

WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AND WHY DID YOU PUSH JIZO OVER-BOARD?

...
CRAP ...

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM
I CAN'T EVEN FLOAT

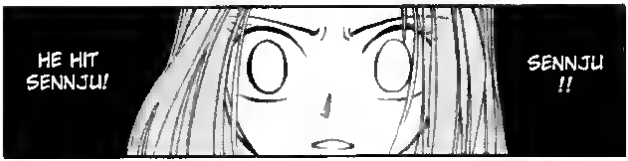
I'M MADE OF STONE .....

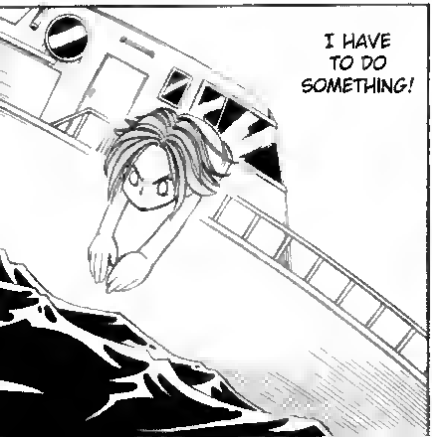
HELP ...

ANSWER ME, ASHURA !!

WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME
ASHU RA ?!
...BUT OUR REUNION WILL TO BE BRIEF
. . . ?
CLAC
SAAH

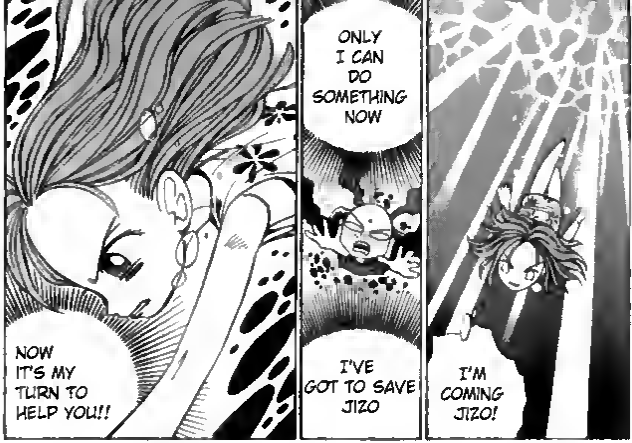
BLAAM
NO!! LEAVE SENNJU ALONE!!
BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE, SENNJU!!
DIDN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE HUMANS DIDN'T DESERVE TO BE SAVED?
GHH...
GH GH GH
AND IF YOU'D DIE TOGETHER?
WE HAVE TO HELP JIZO QUICK! OTHERWISE ..HE WILL..HE WILL..
WHAT ARE...YOU DOING? LET GO OF ME... ASHURA!
GAH...
SAAH~~


HE HIT SENNJU!
SENNJU !!


I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!

DON'T WORRY, MIROKOU, YOUR TURN WILL COME

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007
FROM ALL OF US AT SDC



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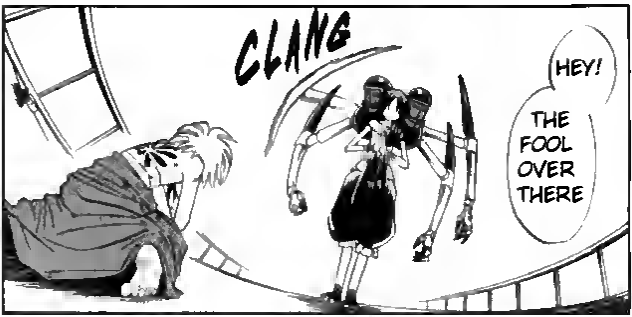


BUTSU 7 - BENEVOLENCE AND HATRED

DODODODO
YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND?
WHY ARE YOU ON THE MARAS' SIDE?
ASHURA! YOU'RE A BODHISATVA LIKE US! YOU CAME FROM THE WORLD OF BUDDHAS!
I HATE ALL HUMANS...
SAAAAH
!!

ANSWER ME!!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
BAM BAM
Aaahh!
SSAAHH
"SIGH"
DOH
!
DIE, I BEG OF YOU
EXCUSE ME, SENNJU...
WE WERE FRIENDS.

ASHURA'S SACRED PALMS!!
KRASH
!!

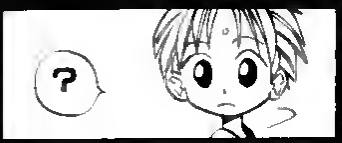
I SEE THAT YOU STILL HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF VITAL ENERGY
THE ARMOR OF SENNJU!!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS ASHURA...
HAH!
SHUT UP!!
I WON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO STAND IN MY WAY!
SSWAH!!

DON'T HOLD BACK!
THROW ALL YOUR ARMS AT ME!
CLA NG
PI
TAH TAH TAH TAH TAH TAH TAH TAH
YOUR GUARD IS WEAK SENNJU!!
AS I THOUGHT, YOU CAN'T USE ALL YOUR ARMS ANYMORE...
YOUR VITAL ENERGY IS TOO WEAK... WHAT USE IS YOUR COMPASSION NOW?

THE WORLD OF LUST IS A WORLD OF STRENGTH!
DOH
ASHURA...
STARTING TODAY, HE'S PART OF THE TWENTY EIGHT DISCIPLES OF KANNON, LIKE YOU— SENNJU. WELCOME YOUR NEW FRIEND
ASHURA?

SIGH

HELLO, MY NAME IS SENNJU! NICE TO MEET YOU!!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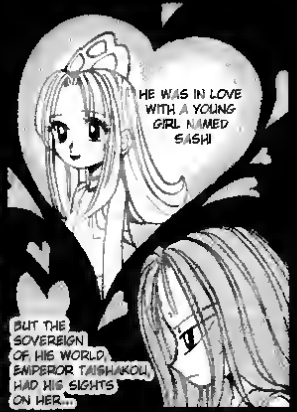
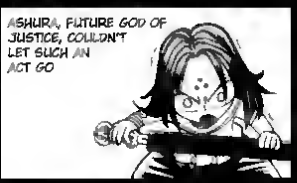
TAH TAH
Hm

IT'S SAID THAT HE WAS BORN TO BE THE FUTURE DEITY OF JUSTICE
REALLY?
WHAT AN UNPLEASANT CHILD...
ARE YOU AWARE OF THE RUMOR RUNNING ABOUT HIM?

ONE DAY, HE DECIDED TO RAP HER TO MAKE HER HIS THING

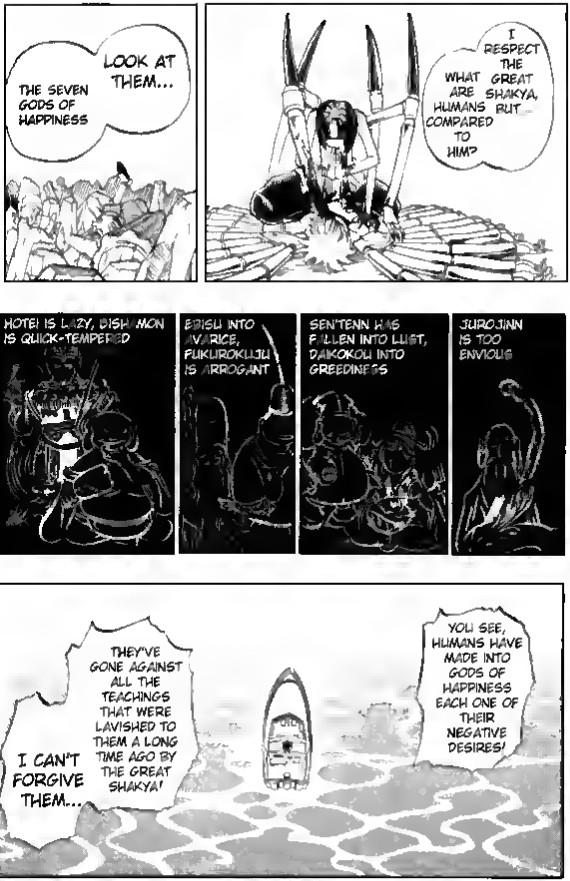

HE WAS IN LOVE WITH A YOUNG GIRL NAMED SASHI
BUT THE SOVEREIGN OF HIS WORLD, EMPEROR TAISHAKOU, HAD HIS SIGHTS ON HER...


ASHURA, FUTURE GOD OF JUSTICE, COULDN'T LET SUCH AN ACT GO

HE CHANGED INTO A VENGEFUL DEMON AND LEFT THE CELESTIAL WORLD
BIT BY BIT FROM ALL THOSE LOST-IN-ADVANCE BATTLES, ASHURA LOST HIS ABILITY TO FORGIVE

ASHURA TRIED TO FIGHT THE INVINCIBLE TAISHAKOU COUNTLESS TIMES...
PAF
DOH

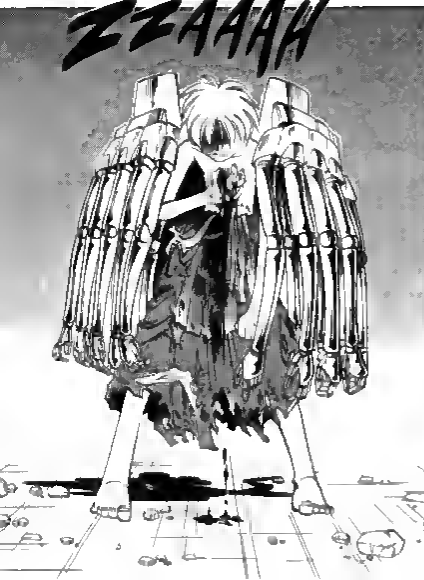
A WORLD WHERE HE HAD TO FIGHT ENDLESSLY
HE FELL INTO A WORLD OF ANGER
SS...
!!
BUT A HAND WAS HELD OUT TO HIM. A HAND, WHICH HAD COME TO SAVE HIM.
HE LOST HIS MIND
ONE DAY HE WAS FIGHTING STILL
ZZAAAHH!
IT WAS THE GREAT SHAKYA
IN HIS GREAT MERCY, HE HAD COME TO SAVE ASHURA


THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS
LOOK AT THEM...
I RESPECT THE GREAT SHAKYA, BUT WHAT ARE HUMANS COMPARED TO HIM?
HOTEI IS LAZY, BISHAMON IS QUICK-TEMPERED
BENTEN IS ARROGANT
BIRISHI INTO AVARICE, FUKUROKUJU
SEN'TENN HAS FALLEN INTO LUST, DAIKOKUI INTO GREEDINESS
JUROJINN IS TOO ENVIOUS
I CAN'T FORGIVE THEM...
THEY'VE GONE AGAINST ALL THE TEACHINGS THAT WERE LAVISHED TO THEM A LONG TIME AGO BY THE GREAT SHAKYA!
YOU SEE, HUMANS HAVE MADE INTO GODS OF HAPPINESS EACH ONE OF THEIR NEGATIVE DESIRES!

FAREWELL SENNJU... YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS

SPLOF

HUMAN BEINGS WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE SAVED


ZZAAAH

ONE MOMENT
ASHURA

!!

IT'S THAT TIGHT HEART OF YOURS THAT CAUSED YOU TO FALL INTO THE WORLD OF ANGER!
YOU CLAIM TO BE THE DEFENDER OF JUSTICE, BUT YOU CAN'T EVEN GRANT FORGIVENESS TO OTHERS?!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW CAN YOU STILL BE ABLE TO STAND AFTER MY ATTACK?!
!!
...YOU DIDN'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THE GREAT SHAKYA'S TEACHINGS
IT'S YOU WHO HAVE LOST THE MEANING OF COMPASSION...
SAAH~
WHAT-EVER I DO
...I GET THE FEELING THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE YOU
WHAT?!

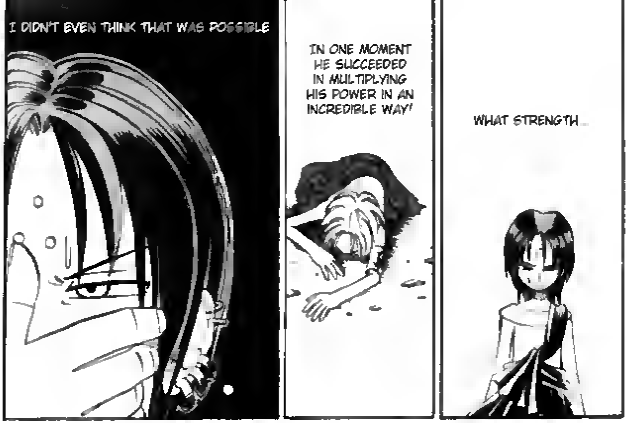
DO YOU KNOW THE DEEP MEANING OF THIS PRAYER WHERE WE JOIN HANDS?
ASHURA...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU USED ALL YOU VITAL ENERGY, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTACK ME!
THE RIGHT HAND SUPPORTS THE LEFT HAND WHEN THIS ONE IS SAD. THE LEFT HAND PREVENTS THE RIGHT HAND FROM GOING TOO FAR.
THIS ACTION OF JOINING HANDS HAS A REAL MEANING TO SAVE ALL BEINGS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION
IT TAKES ITS LIMITLESS POWER FROM THE ENERGY OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSE!
?
THE RIGHT HAND IS BUDDHA... THE LEFT HAND IS HUMAN
BY GATHERING THEM, WE PERMIT THEM TO MERGE

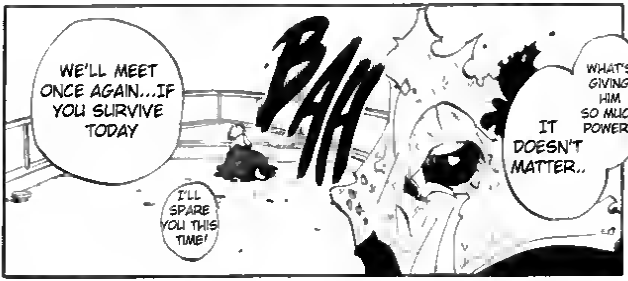
COMPLETE OPENING OF THE CHAKRAS!!

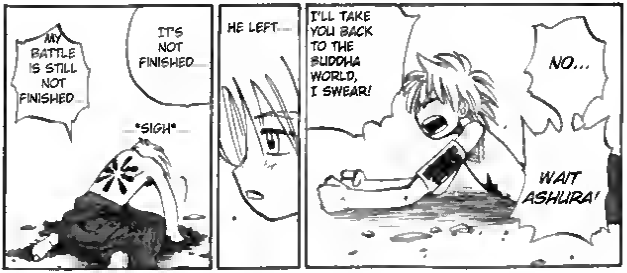
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW DID HE SUCCEED IN INCREASING HIS VITAL ENERGY IN SUCH AN INCREDIBLE AND INSTANTANEOUS WAY?!
ALSO...THIS EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE
WHAT BRIGHTNESS!
THE SMILE OF THE FLOWER WHICH IS BENDING
IT'S AN ILLUSION! ...THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ENERGY LEFT!

ONE OF THE TWELVE SACRED POSTURE OF THE JOINED HANDS!... IS DOMINATION!!
!!
...THAT ALL MY ARMS STRIKE AT UNISON!!"
BY THE GRACE OF BODHISATVA KANNON...
DAAH
THE THOUSAND FISTS ATTACK!!

CEREMONY OF DOMINATION!!
KAH!!
BAH...
WHY DID YOU STOP?
BLOM
CRAP
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT
CRAP

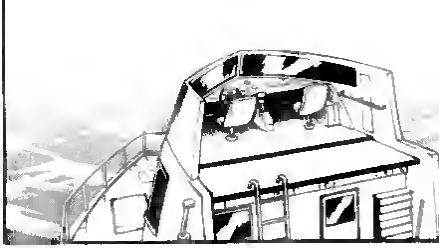

I DIDN'T EVEN THINK THAT WAS POSSIBLE
IN ONE MOMENT HE SUCCEEDED IN MULTIPLYING HIS POWER IN AN INCREDIBLE WAY!
WHAT STRENGTH...


WE'LL MEET ONCE AGAIN...IF YOU SURVIVE TODAY
I'LL SPARE YOU THIS TIME!
BAM
IT DOESN'T MATTER..
WHAT'S GIVING HIM SO MUCH POWER?


MY BATTLE IS STILL NOT FINISHED
IT'S NOT FINISHED...
"SIGH"...
HE LEFT...
I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE BUDDHA WORLD, I SWEAR!
NO...
WAIT ASHURA!

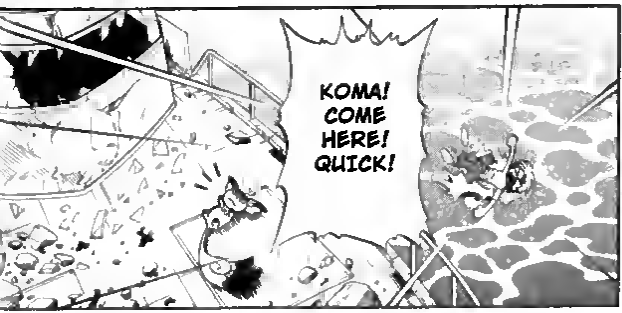
GAHHH...
I HAVE TO... SAVE THEM!
GAHH...
I'M COMING
JIZO...
SATCHI...
PLOF
I'LL...
...SAVE YOU ALL!

Blup
Blup

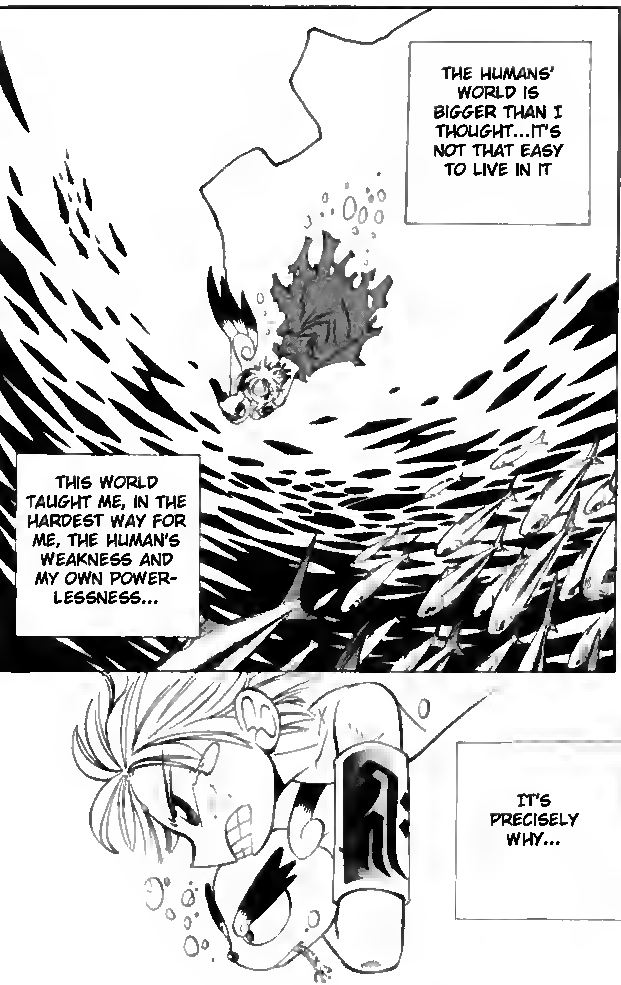


I NEED SOME WEIGHT. .
...I KNOW!

WAAAH !
I WON'T PLUNGE AT ALL!
SPLAF
BECAUSE MY BODY IS MADE OF WOOD, I WON'T SINK!


KOMA! COME HERE! QUICK!

TAKE A ROPE AND JUMP ON ME!
WAF! WAF!
HIP
BLUB BLUB
IT'S TRUE... I'M STILL TOO WEAK...


THE HUMANS' WORLD IS BIGGER THAN I THOUGHT...IT'S NOT THAT EASY TO LIVE IN IT
THIS WORLD TAUGHT ME, IN THE HARDEST WAY FOR ME, THE HUMAN'S WEAKNESS AND MY OWN POWER-LESSNESS...
IT'S PRECISELY WHY...

...I WOULD BE ABLE TO SAVE ALL HUMAN BEINGS!

... SENNJU ...
AHHHHHH
WORLD OF LUST
HEY, ASHURA!!

YOU LET A BODHISATTVA RUN AWAY! YOU'RE REALLY GOOD FOR NOTHING!
SINCE WHEN DO YOU LET YOUR FOES ESCAPE?

HEHE...AND IF THAT WAS THE CASE WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

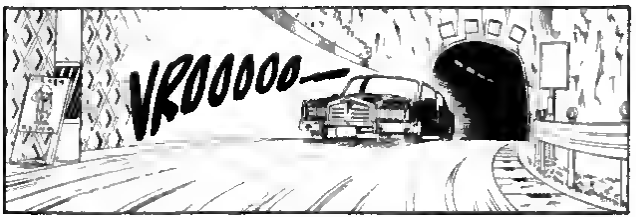
HOW CAN WE BE SURE YOU'RE NOT A SPY?

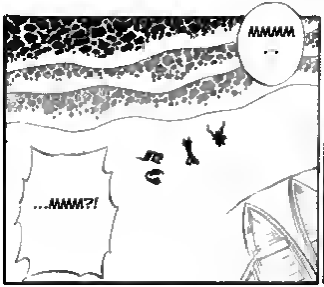
LEAVE ME ALONE...
FOOLS!

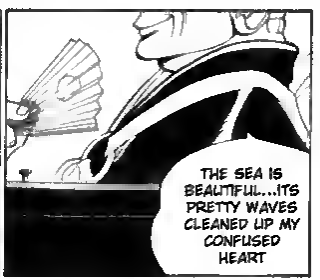
SSAH
HA HA ...
AS LONG AS MY HATRED FOR HUMAN BEINGS HASN'T VANISHED, ALL BUDDHAS'LL CONTINUE TO BE MY ENEMIES!
I'LL CUT YOU INTO PIECES!!
PAAH
!!

AND I WILL PROVE THAT TO YOU...
...SOON.

SHHH


VROOOOO—

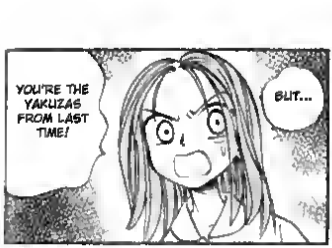

MMMM
..
...MMM?!


THE SEA IS BEAUTIFUL...ITS PRETTY WAVES CLEANED UP MY CONFUSED HEART

SHHH SHHH
THERE ARE WOUNDED PEOPLE ON THE BEACH!!
STOP THE CAR!!
HOW CAN IT BE POSSIBLE ?!
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
HEY...
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MEET THEM HERE ... IN THIS STATE!

MM...
...NNN
HOHO! AT LEAST YOUR EYES ARE OPENING!
. . . .
WHERE AM I? WHAT THE..
M!?
AH!
I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU, MY DEA SATCHI!
?!
WHAT?! ... GRAND-FATHER?!
OH..

HOW COME YOU'RE HERE? AM I DREAMING?
MORE OVER ...
WYAAH—
GRANDFATHER!! ...I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU TOO!
HOHOHO! ...CALM DOWN SATCHI!
GAAH!!
WHERE ARE WE RIGHT NOW?
...WHAT'S THIS PRETTY TEMPLE?


YOU'RE THE YAKUZAS FROM LAST TIME!
BUT...

HEHE... WE'RE IN THE NEW SAIGAN TEMPLE

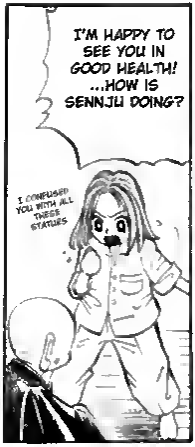
MIKE MINOURA AND HIS CLAN!
TA-DA!
MIKE MINOURA THE BOSS OF THE MINOURA CLAN!

SEE VOLUME 1

HEHE .
OUR CLAN WAS DISSOLVED AFTER BEING DEFEATED BY THE GREAT SENNJU-SENSEI!

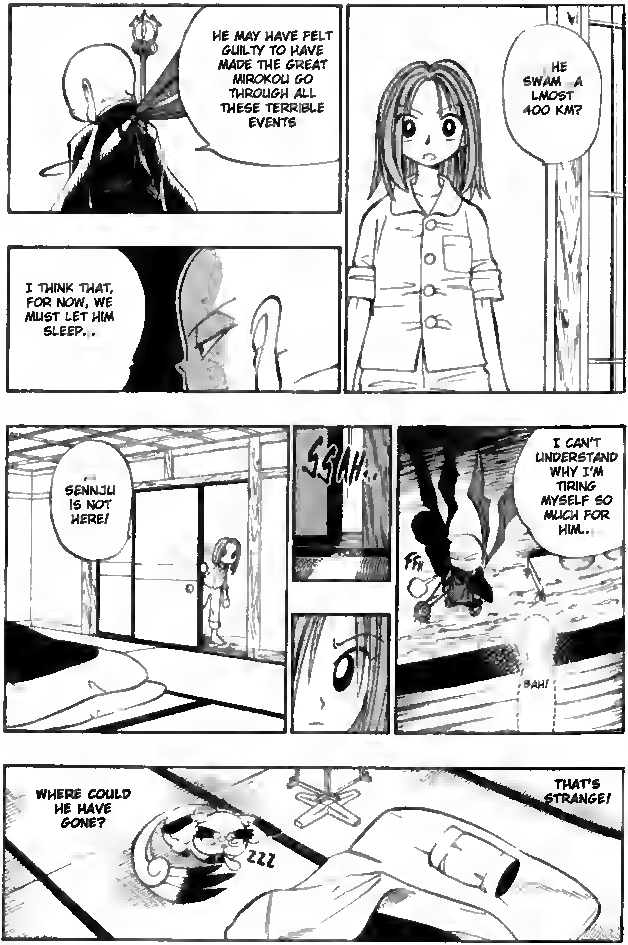
BUT, WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AND WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE A MONK?

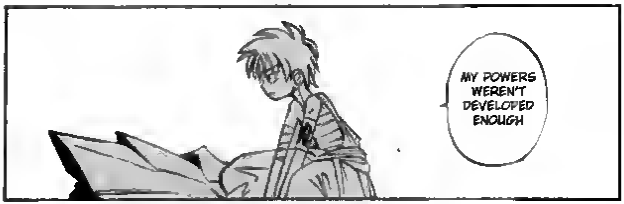
THE WAY OF BUDDHA IS REALLY A MARVELOUS THING
TO HAVE OUR MIND AT PEACE AGAIN, WE DECIDED TO REBUILD THIS TEMPLE
AND WE DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE WAY OF BUDDHA!
YES! THIS TEMPLE IS YOUR TEMPLE, GREAT PRIESTESS!
GREAT PRIEST-ESS?!
THAT MEANS...
SO ..
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS! TELL ME!
BY THE WAY!
ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ME?
WE EVEN THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD FOR A MOMENT!
WE FOUND YOU LYING ON A BEACH! COULD YOU IMAGINE HOW CONFUSED WE WERE?!

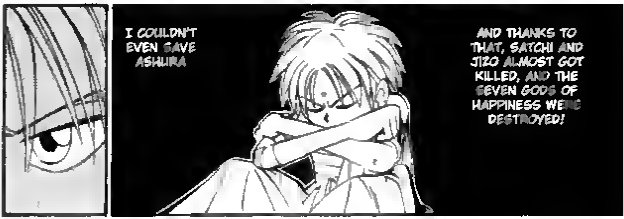

I'M HAPPY TO SEE YOU IN GOOD HEALTH! ...HOW IS SENNJU DOING?
I CONFUSED YOU WITH ALL THESE STATUES

JIZO! YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND?!

THAT IMBECILE
I THINK HE WENT DOWN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, TO TAKE US UP. HE WAS THE ONE WHO SAVED US
FOR NOW, HE'S SLEEPING...HE USED UP MOST OF HIS CHAKRA, ALMOST ENOUGH TO DIE

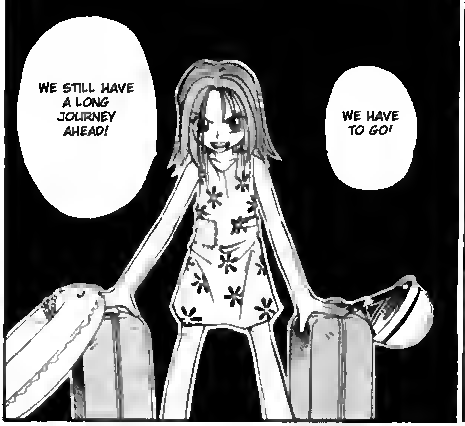

HE MAY HAVE FELT GUILTY TO HAVE MADE THE GREAT MIROKU GO THROUGH ALL THESE TERRIBLE EVENTS
HE SWAM ALMOST 400 KM?
I THINK THAT, FOR NOW, WE MUST LET HIM SLEEP...
...SENNJU IS NOT HERE!
SSHH...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY I'M TIRING MYSELF SO MUCH FOR HIM..
FFH
BAH!
WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE?
ZZZ
THAT'S STRANGE!

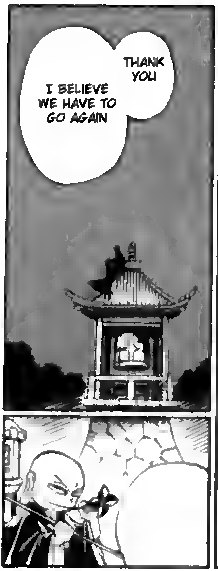

MY POWERS WEREN'T DEVELOPED ENOUGH

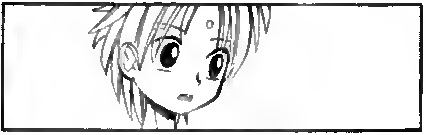

I COULDN'T EVEN SAVE ASHURA
AND THANKS TO THAT, SATCHI AND JIZO ALMOST GOT KILLED, AND THE SEVEN GODS OF HAPPINESS WERE DESTROYED!

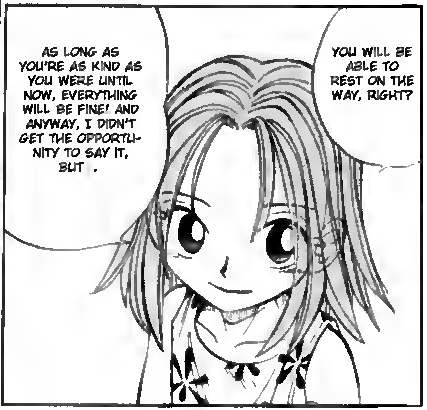
I HAVE ...
...TO BECOME STRONGER!! ...I REALLY HAVE TO!!
GHH

... SATCHI...?
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOU, BEING DEPRESSED HERE ALL ALONE? IT ISN'T LIKE YOU!
!
EXCUSE ME
AFTER ALL I SAID IN FRONT YOU, I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO LOOK AT YOU IN THE EYES ANYMORE
STOP SAYING NONSENSE!
AND GET DOWN FROM THERE!


WE STILL HAVE A LONG JOURNEY AHEAD!
WE HAVE TO GO!

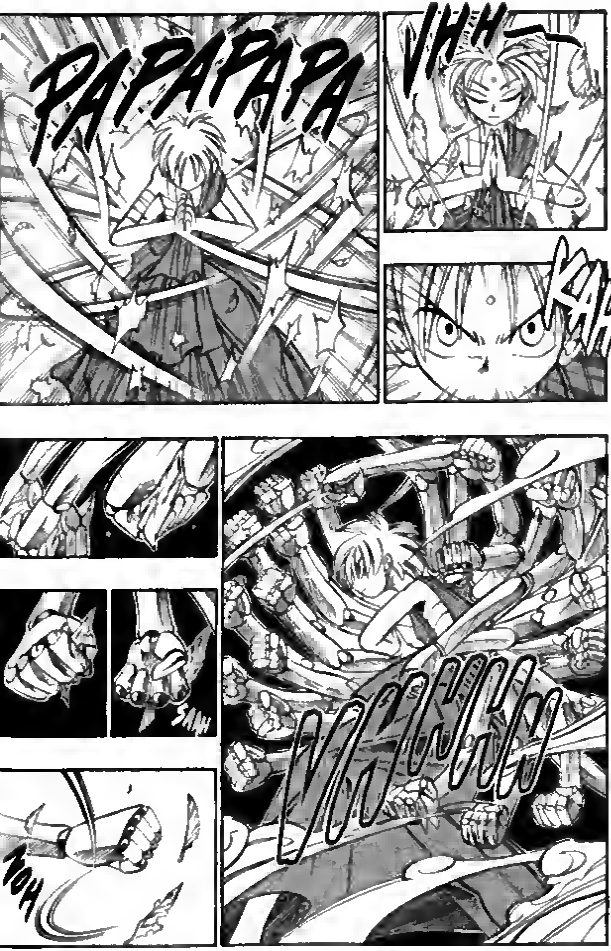

THANK YOU
I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO GO AGAIN




AS LONG AS YOU'RE AS KIND AS YOU WERE UNTIL NOW, EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE! AND ANYWAY, I DIDN'T GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY IT, BUT .
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO REST ON THE WAY, RIGHT?

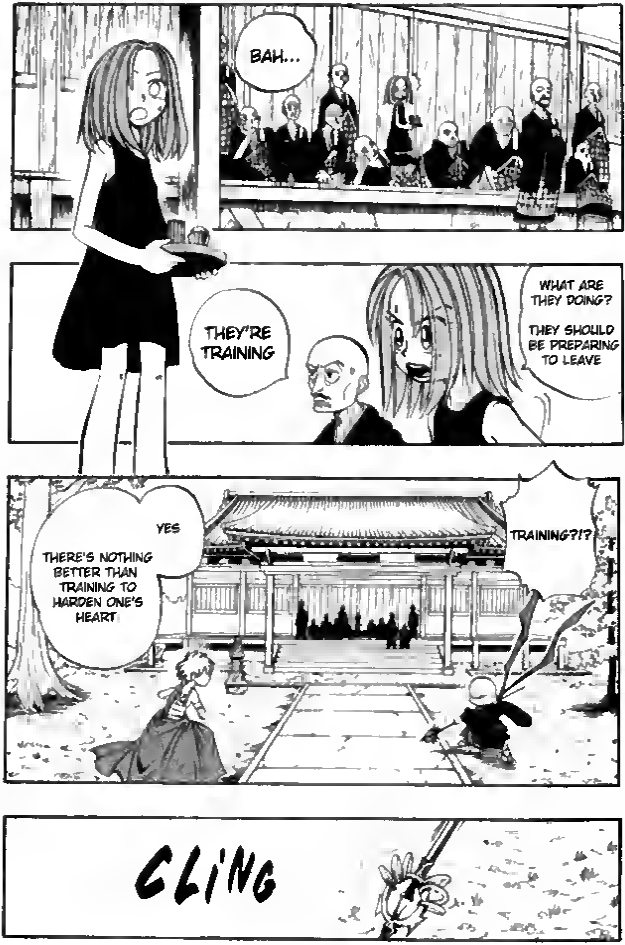
THE PEOPLE IN #SDC
98% OF THE TIME

BUTSU 9 - A NEW JOURNEY


PAPAPAPA
HH—
KAH
SAWA
NOH

IF I CAN'T DO BETTER THAN THAT, I'LL NEVER DEFEAT ASHURA'S ARMOUR! HIS MOVES ARE FASTER THAN THAT!
CRAP!!
MISSED AGAIN!!
HAVE FAITH IN ME, ASHURA!
WE WILL MEET AGAIN...
AND I'LL SAVE YOU!
I PROMISE!

SSSAAH..
HEH..
DON'T COME CRYING AFTER-WARDS
SHALL WE BEGIN, JIZO?
DOH


BAH...
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
THEY SHOULD BE PREPARING TO LEAVE
THEY'RE TRAINING
TRAINING?!?
YES
THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN TRAINING TO HARDEN ONE'S HEART
CLING

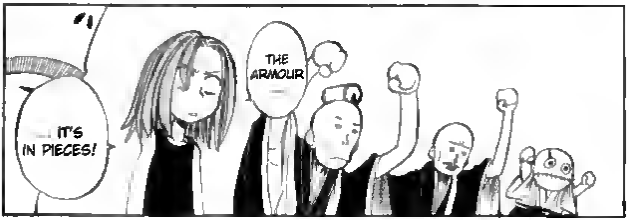
CLANG
THOUSAND FIST ATTACK!!
WAAHHH! THIS LITTLE ONE IS GREAT!
WHY DID THEY START FIGHTING?
FAH
Hup Hup Hup

I HAVE THE FEELING THAT MY ARMOUR DOESN'T OBEY ME LIKE BEFORE
IT'S WEIRD
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO IT, YOU HAVE TO GIVE IT YOUR ALL! I WON'T HOLD MYSELF ANYMORE!
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE WITH MY ARMOUR!
WAIT!
IF YOU DON'T ATTACK, I'LL DO IT!
CLING
SAAH
RINN
I WARNED YOU!
DON'T MOAN AFTERWARDS!
TEN
PO

INN
DON'T PANIC! YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY!
BUT, IF HE LAUNCHES THIS ATTACK, SENNJU WILL...
IT'S JUST TRAINING! HE'LL HOLD HIS ATTACK!
NO!
FACE THE RAY OF THE SACRED SEAL!!
ZAH
DOH!!
YEAH! SO COOL!

N!?
MMM?!

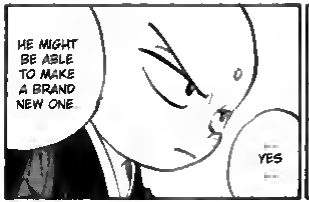
FOOL!
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT!

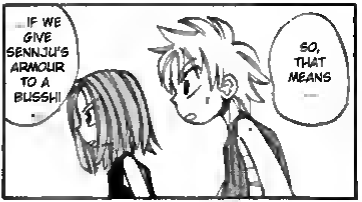

IT'S IN PIECES!
THE ARMOUR

WHAT'LL WE DO?
HUUMM..
I KNEW I HAD A BAD PRESENTI-MENT!
I SHOULD HAVE STOPPED YOU!
CRAP!
DOOH...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME YOU WANTED TO TRAIN!!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DESTROYED IT!!
JERK!
WHAT WERE YOU SAYING, JIZO?
I HAVE NO IDEA ABOUT WHAT TO DO

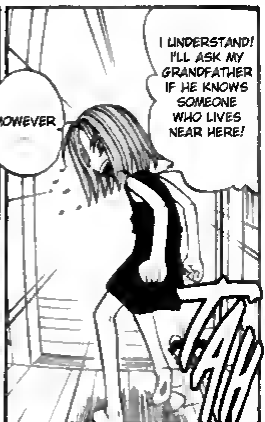
BAH
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT
IT'S TRUE THAT YOUR ARMOUR DIDN'T MOVE LIKE BEFORE
EXCUSE ME
I THINK MY ARMOUR REACHED IT'S LIMITS, DURING MY BATTLE AGAINST ASHURA, THERE WAS A CHANCE.
IT HAPPENED DURING TRAINING
OUR PROBLEM, FOR NOW, IS TO FIND OUT HOW TO REPAIR THIS ARMOUR!
BUT YOU STILL BROKE IT
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S A CHANCE
ENOUGH! IT'S NOT THE TIME TO SQUABBLE!
!!

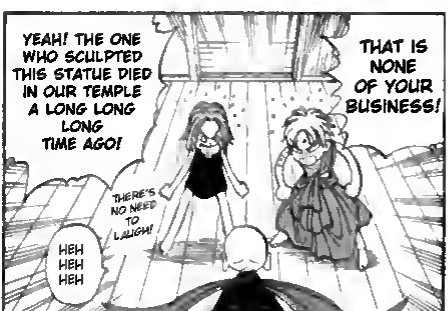
WE HAVE TO CHANGE OUR PLANS ...
A BUSSHI, A MASTER OF BUDDHAS!
WE'LL GO MEET ...
SENNJU! DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU DON'T KNOW!
WHAT'S THAT?
A BUSSHI ?!?
WHO SCULPT THE BIG STATUES OF BUDDHAS AND BUDHISATVAS, THEY ARE, IN A WAY, PROFESSIONALS OF BUDDHIC REPRESENTATION
MASTERS OF BUDDHAS ARE HUMANS

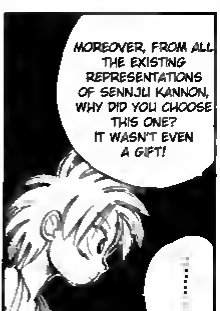

HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE A BRAND NEW ONE
YES

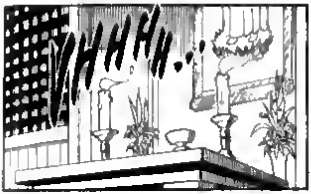

...IF WE GIVE SENNJU'S ARMOUR TO A BUSSHI
SO, THAT MEANS

WE NEED A REAL MASTER! NOT THE KIND WHO SCULPTED THE PATHETIC BODY YOU HAVE RIGHT NOW!

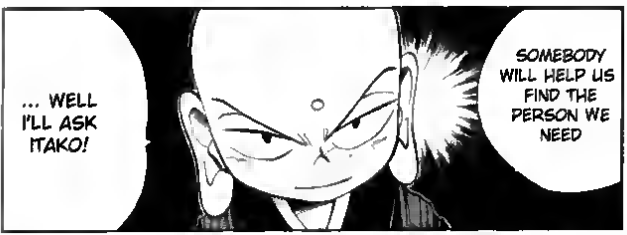

HOWEVER...
I UNDERSTAND! I'LL ASK MY GRANDFATHER IF HE KNOWS SOMEONE WHO LIVES NEAR HERE!

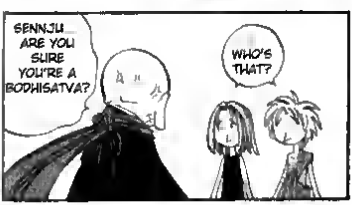

YEAH! THE ONE WHO SCULPTED THIS STATUE DIED IN OUR TEMPLE A LONG LONG LONG TIME AGO!
THAT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
THERE'S NO NEED TO LAUGH!
HEH HEH HEH


MOREOVER, FROM ALL THE EXISTING REPRESENTATIONS OF SENNJU KANNON, WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THIS ONE? IT WASN'T EVEN A GIFT!


VHHHH...!

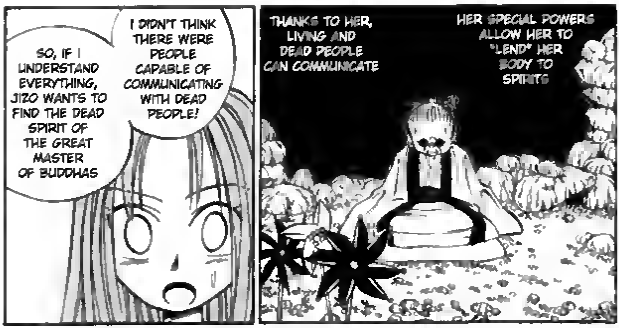
LISTEN TO MY STORY UNTIL THE END


... WELL I'LL ASK ITAKO!
SOMEBODY WILL HELP US FIND THE PERSON WE NEED


SENNJU... ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE A BODHISATVA?
WHO'S THAT?

ITAKO ?!?

SHE POSSES A VERY SPECIAL POWER. SHE BECAME A MASTER IN... SPIRITUALISM!!
AH?
IT CONCERNS THE PRIEST ITAKO SHE LIVES IN THE MOUNTAIN OF FEAR

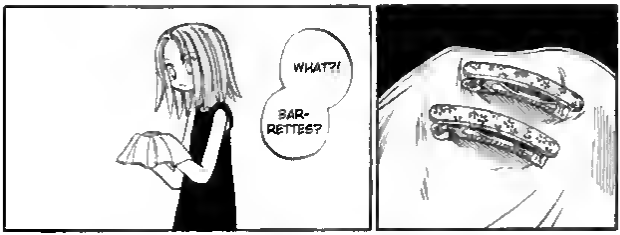

I DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE PEOPLE CAPABLE OF COMMUNICATING WITH DEAD PEOPLE!
SO, IF I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING, JIZO WANTS TO FIND THE DEAD SPIRIT OF THE GREAT MASTER OF BUDDHAS
THANKS TO HER, LIVING AND DEAD PEOPLE CAN COMMUNICATE
HER SPECIAL POWERS ALLOW HER TO "LEND" HER BODY TO SPIRITS

SHE STILL RESIDES IN THE MOUNTAINS OF FEAR
ITAKO'S POWER IS SO STRONG SHE'S ABLE TO PERFECTLY IMITATE ALL THE DEAD'S MOVES
UNFORTUNATELY, I'M NOT SURE IF...

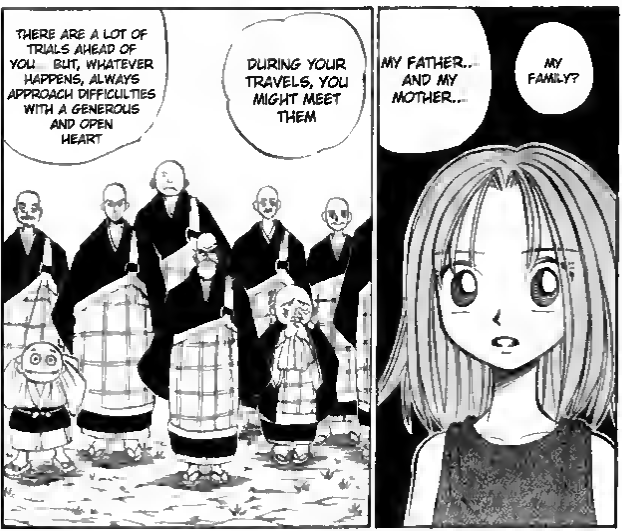
HUM, SENNJU...
AS FAR AS YOU'RE CONCERNED, YOU HAVE TO DECIDE IF WE HAVE TO GO OVER THERE OR NOT
YOU KNOW A LOT OF THINGS, JIZO! ...BUT IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR ALMOST 2500 YEARS!
I HAVE TO ADMIT I ADMIRE YOU
INCREDIBLE!

DON'T ALWAYS BE SO CAREFREE!
HEY
I'M TIRED AND I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT IT
BAH.. IF ONLY WE HAD MORE TIME
PATATI PATATA
BLA BLA BLA
TAKE THIS, IT'S FOR YOU IT'S A LITTLE FAREWELL GIFT
OUAF!
ARF ARF
ARF

HERE'S SOME GOOD RICE MEATBALLS. EAT THEM ON THE WAY
GOOD LUCK!
WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT YOU ALL, IF ENEMIES WERE TO ATTACK US...
IT'S A PITY YOU HAVE TO GO ALONE. ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT US TO ACCOMPANY YOU?
IT'S JIGO WHO TOLD ME THAT.
SATCHI...
SPRING VACATION WILL BE OVER SOON. I'LL TELL YOUR SCHOOL IF YOU'RE NOT BACK IN TIME FOR THE NEW TERM.
DON'T WORRY
GRAND-FATHER!
AH, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO GIVE YOU!
THANK YOU, GRANDFATHER


WHAT?!
BARRETTES?

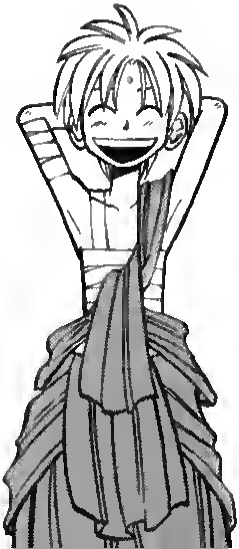
ONE DAY, THEY MIGHT HELP YOU TO FIND YOUR FAMILY
THEY WERE IN YOUR BABY CARRIAGE WHEN I FOUND YOU


THERE ARE A LOT OF TRIALS AHEAD OF YOU... BUT, WHATEVER HAPPENS, ALWAYS APPROACH DIFFICULTIES WITH A GENEROUS AND OPEN HEART
DURING YOUR TRAVELS, YOU MIGHT MEET THEM
MY FATHER.. AND MY MOTHER...
MY FAMILY?

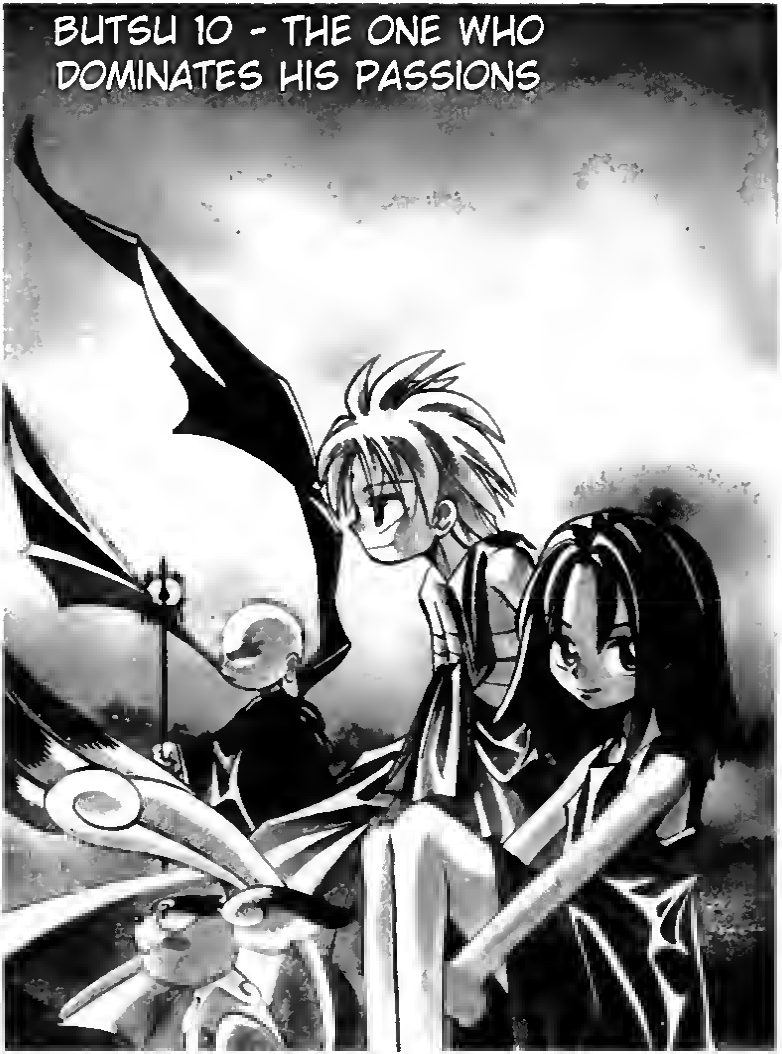
ZAAH!
I'M SURE YOU'LL REACH ENLIGHTENMENT!
YOU KNOW
...
GOOD!!
... LET'S GO!!

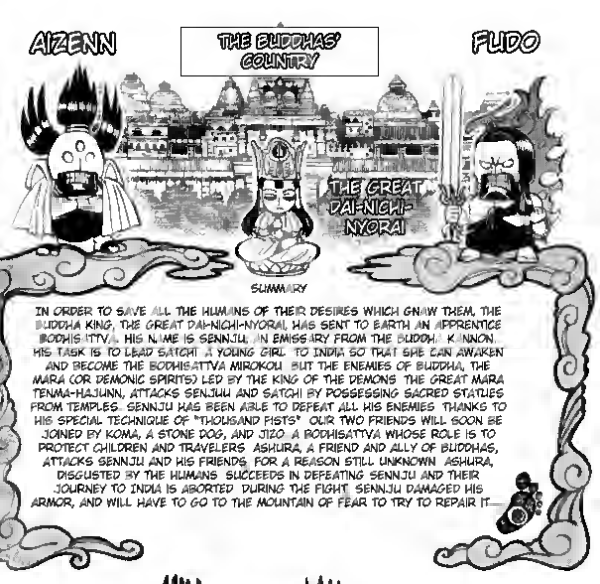
WEE MORE RANT SPACE
:C BUT I HAVE NOTHING TO
RANT ABOUT

WELL THEN HOW ABOUT A
CALL FOR EDITORS



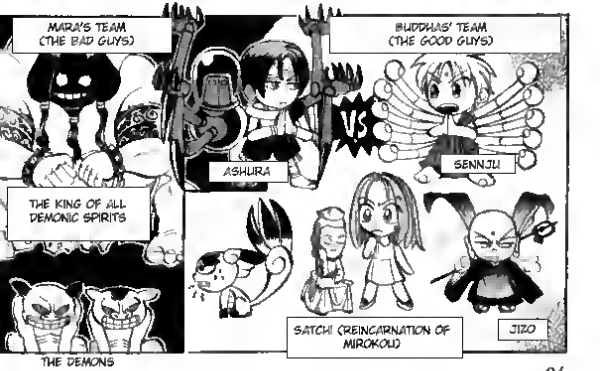
BUTSU 10 - THE ONE WHO DOMINATES HIS PASSIONS



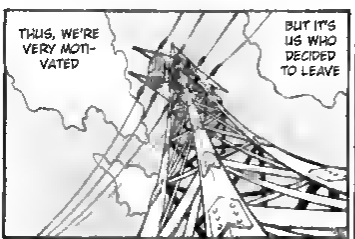


SUMMARY

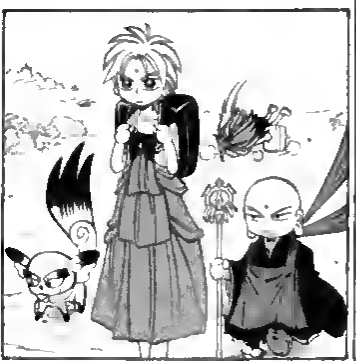
IN ORDER TO SAVE ALL THE HUMANS OF THEIR DESIRES WHICH GNAW THEM, THE BUDDHA KING, THE GREAT DAI-NICHI-NYORAI, HAS SENT TO EARTH AN APPRENTICE BODHISATTVA. HIS NAME IS SENNJU, AN EMISSARY FROM THE BUDDHA KANNON. HIS TASK IS TO LEAD SATCHI, A YOUNG GIRL, TO INDIA SO THAT SHE CAN AWAKEN AND BECOME THE BODHISATTVA MIROKOU. BUT THE ENEMIES OF BUDDHA, THE MARA (OR DEMONIC SPIRITS) LED BY THE KING OF THE DEMONS, THE GREAT MARA TENMA-HAJUNN, ATTACKS SENJUU AND SATCHI BY POSSESSING SACRED STATUES FROM TEMPLES. SENNJU HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEFEAT ALL HIS ENEMIES THANKS TO HIS SPECIAL TECHNIQUE OF "THOUSAND FISTS". OUR TWO FRIENDS WILL SOON BE JOINED BY KOMA, A STONE DOG, AND JIZO, A BODHISATTVA WHOSE ROLE IS TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND TRAVELERS. ASHURA, A FRIEND AND ALLY OF BUDDHAS, ATTACKS SENNJU AND HIS FRIENDS, FOR A REASON STILL UNKNOWN. ASHURA, DISGUSTED BY THE HUMANS SUCCEEDS IN DEFEATING SENNJU AND THEIR JOURNEY TO INDIA IS ABORTED. DURING THE FIGHT, SENNJU DAMAGED HIS ARMOR, AND WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE MOUNTAIN OF FEAR TO TRY TO REPAIR IT—

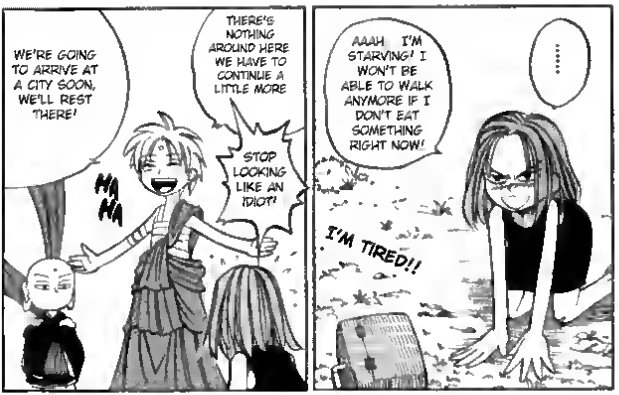


DEAR GRANDFATHER, WE'RE ACTUALLY ON THE COAST OF THE SEA OF JAPAN AND WE'RE BEING BATHED BY THE SWEET LIGHT OF SPRING

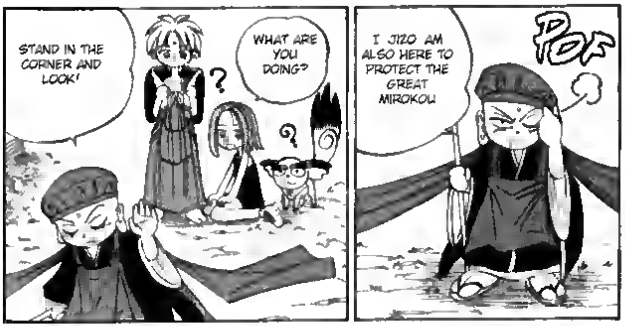

THUS, WE'RE VERY MOTI-VATED
BUT IT'S US WHO DECIDED TO LEAVE

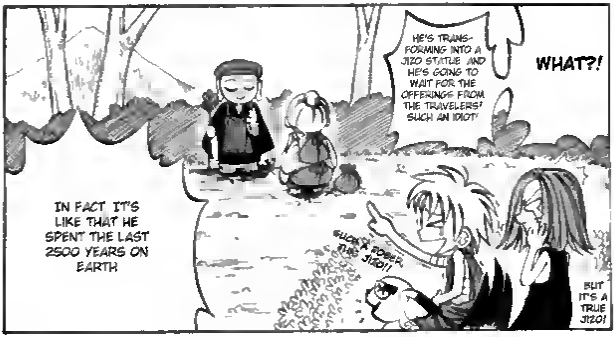
OUR JOURNEY BY FEET IS QUITE TIRING. YOU DOUBT THAT IT'S NOT THAT EASY FOR US




WE'RE GOING TO ARRIVE AT A CITY SOON, WE'LL REST THERE!
THERE'S NOTHING AROUND HERE WE HAVE TO CONTINUE A LITTLE MORE
HA HA
STOP LOOKING LIKE AN IDIOT!
AAAH... I'M STARVING! I WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK ANYMORE IF I DON'T EAT SOMETHING RIGHT NOW!
.....
I'M TIRED!!

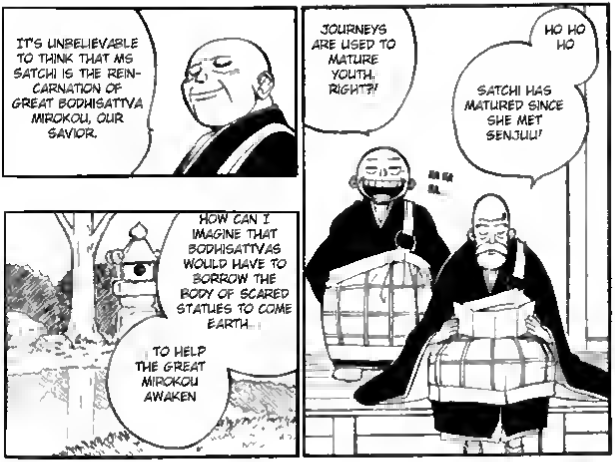
YOU, YOU'RE STRONG... STRONGEST OF THE STRONG!
BUT, I WON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO ARRIVE THERE!
RESTING ?!?


STAND IN THE CORNER AND LOOK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I JIZO AM ALSO HERE TO PROTECT THE GREAT MIROKU!
POF


IN FACT IT'S LIKE THAT HE SPENT THE LAST 2500 YEARS ON EARTH
HE'S TRANSFORMING INTO A JIZO STATUE AND HE'S GOING TO WAIT FOR THE OFFERINGS FROM THE TRAVELERS! SUCH AN IDIOT!
WHAT?!
SUCH A POWERFUL JIZO!!
BUT IT'S A TRUE JIZO!

WILL I REALLY BE ABLE TO AWAKEN AS BODHISATTVA HIROKOU?
YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE FUN OF HIM
...OUR JOURNEY IS GOING RATHER WELL...

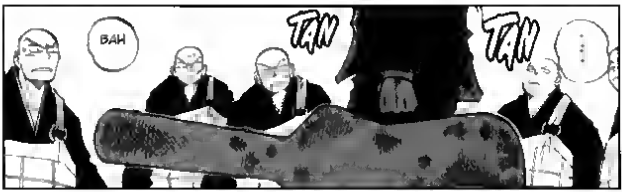
GRANDFATHER AND YOU ALL...
...TAKE CARE!!


IT'S UNBELIEVABLE TO THINK THAT MS SATCHI IS THE REINCARNATION OF GREAT BODHISATTVA MIROKOU, OUR SAVIOR.
JOURNEYS ARE USED TO MATURE YOUTH, RIGHT?!
HO HO HO
SATCHI HAS MATURED SINCE SHE MET SENJUU!
HOW CAN I IMAGINE THAT BODHISATTVAS WOULD HAVE TO BORROW THE BODY OF SCARED STATUES TO COME EARTH...
TO HELP THE GREAT MIROKOU AWAKEN

HA HA...SATCHI IS STILL FAR AWAY FROM THE PRINCE OF THE SHAKYAS
HER JOURNEY HAS JUST BEGUN
IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE STORY OF THE GREAT SHAKYAMUNI!

LISTEN UP EVERYONE! A WEIRD APPARITION HAS APPEARED!
GLUPS
ALERT, ALERT!!
A TEMPLE IS NORMALLY A PLACE OF MEDITATION!
WHAT'S THE COMMOTION?!
ZOOOOOOH
A MARA HAS JUST RISEN UP AT THE DOOR OF THE TEMPLE! HE HAS A GUITAR'S CASE WITH HIM!
AND HE'S HEADING TOWARDS THE MAIN TEMPLE!!

TAN TAN TAN
TAN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TA'N
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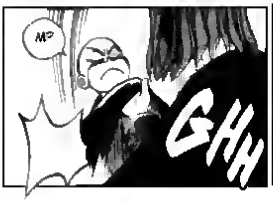
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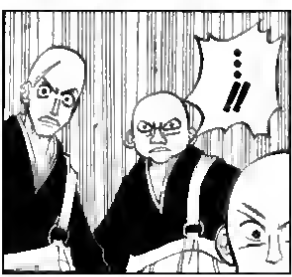
GHH

AT THIS HOUR, THE TEMPLE IS CLOSED TO VISITORS!!
SAY! YOU CAN'T ENTER HERE LIKE THIS!!

!!
WHERE'S THE GREAT MIROKOU?

...WHAT ?!?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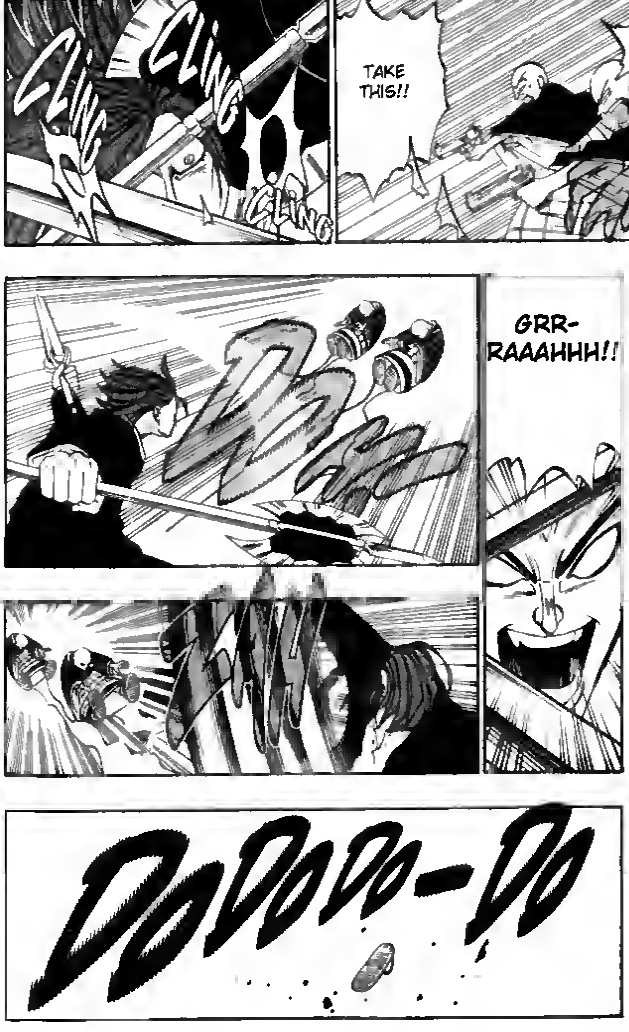
DON'T MOVE!
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT!!
PAF
HEH ...
MONKS HAVE GUNS NOWADAYS?

YOU'RE JUST IMPUDENT
THERE ARE WEAPONS
IN HIS GUITAR'S CASE
ZAAK-G
NANDA !!
AAH!
BOOF


CLING
CLING
CLING
TAKE THIS!!
EH!
GRR-RAAAHHH!!
DODO-DO

NNN

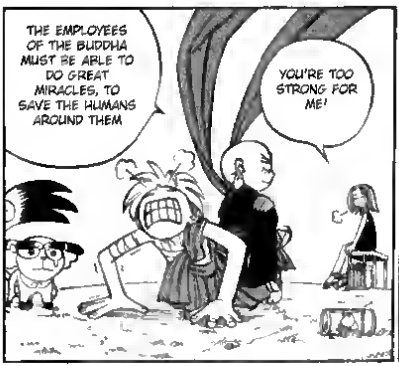
ARE THERE NEITHER GODS NOR BUDDHA ANYMORE ON EARTH?
AIE... HE HURT ME...

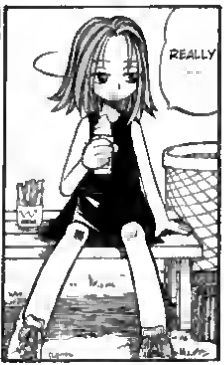
?

THERE IS...

I AM AN EMISSARY OF CHUCK MYSELF

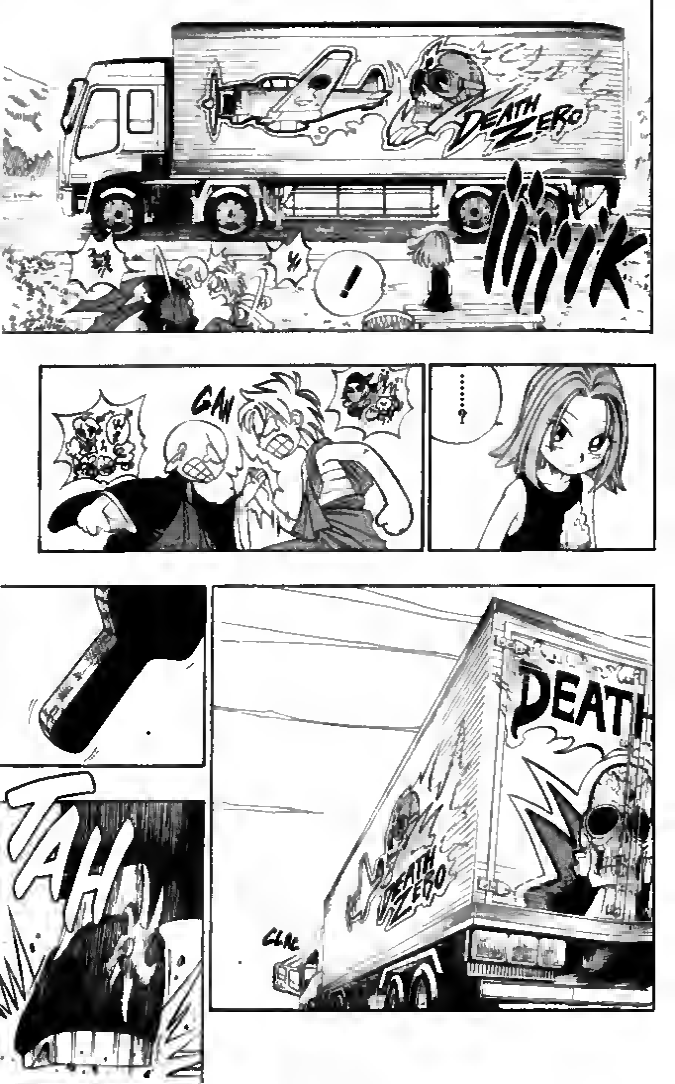
FORTUNATELY WE FOUND THIS FOOD SHOP ON THE ROAD
PHEW!


THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BUDDHA MUST BE ABLE TO DO GREAT MIRACLES, TO SAVE THE HUMANS AROUND THEM
YOU'RE TOO STRONG FOR ME!


REALLY ...

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE MOMENTS WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR ARMOR TO TOUGHEN YOURSELF
STOP ALWAYS COM-PLAINING!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROKE IT!

JIZO! YOU'RE TOO HEAVY!
SENJUU! FOCUS YOURSELF OR YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO INCREASE THE VITAL STRENGTH OF YOUR CHAKRAS
POF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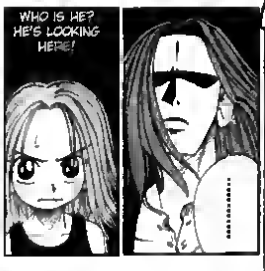
CAN
.....?
DEATH ZERO
CLNC
TAH


WHO IS HE? HE'S LOOKING HERE!

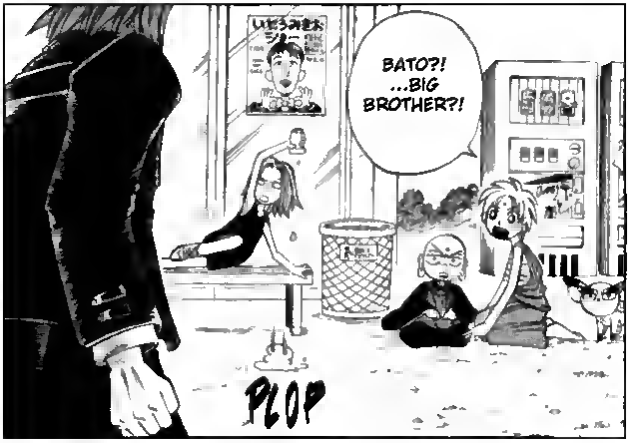
DA~DAAH

TAN TAN
かざろうくん

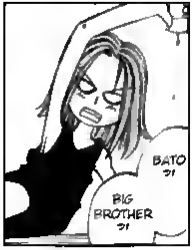
IT... IT'S NOT A HUMAN BEING!
TAN TAN TAN

!!
HE HAS A THIRD EYE!

!!
SENNJU
!!


BATO?!
...BIG
BROTHER?!
PLOP

HELLO SENNJU!
IT'S BEEN A
WHILE!!


BATO
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BIG
BROTHER
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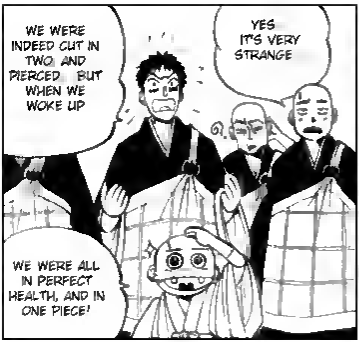
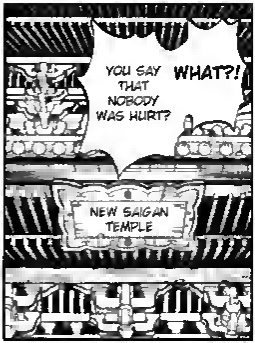
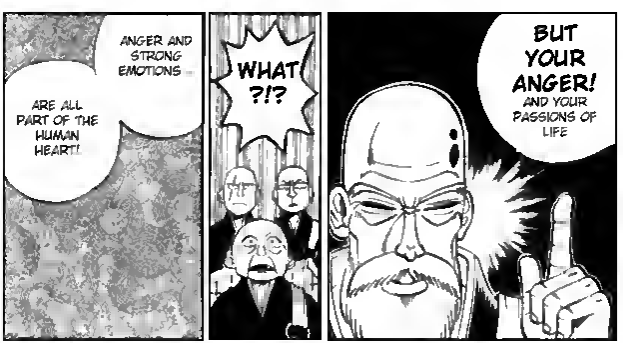
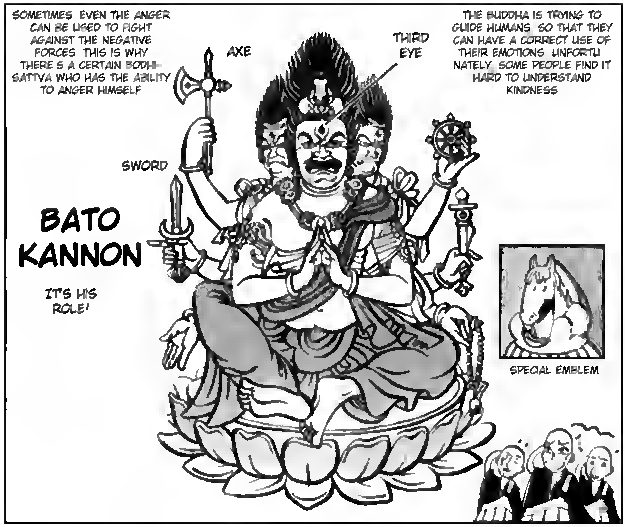
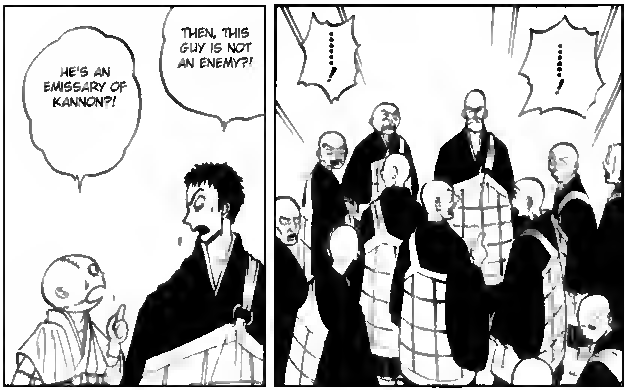

WE WERE INDEED CUT IN TWO, AND PIERCED. BUT WHEN WE WOKE UP
YES IT'S VERY STRANGE
WE WERE ALL IN PERFECT HEALTH, AND IN ONE PIECE!


YOU SAY THAT NOBODY WAS HURT?
WHAT?!
NEW SAIGAN TEMPLE

I UNDERSTAND. IT WAS NOT YOUR BODIES WHICH WERE CUT IN HALF
HO HO
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?


ANGER AND STRONG EMOTIONS
ARE ALL PART OF THE HUMAN HEART!
WHAT ?!?
BUT YOUR ANGER!
AND YOUR PASSIONS OF LIFE


SOMETIMES EVEN THE ANGER CAN BE USED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE NEGATIVE FORCES. THIS IS WHY THERE'S A CERTAIN BODHISATTVA WHO HAS THE ABILITY TO ANGER HIMSELF
AXE
THIRD EYE
THE BUDDHA IS TRYING TO GUIDE HUMANS SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE A CORRECT USE OF THEIR EMOTIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, SOME PEOPLE FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND KINDNESS
SWORD
BATO KANNON
IT'S HIS ROLE!
SPECIAL EMBLEM


HE'S AN EMISSARY OF KANNON?!
THEN, THIS GUY IS NOT AN ENEMY?!
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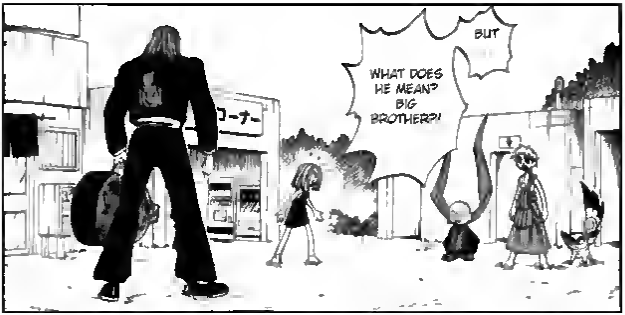
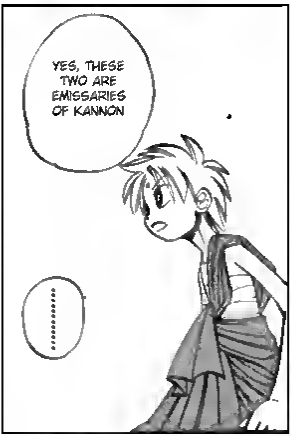

BUT
WHAT DOES HE MEAN? BIG BROTHER?!

THEN, HE'S HERE TO HELP US?!

THEY'RE ALSO BROTHERS BECAUSE THEY BOTH SERVE KANNON
THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE BROTHERS BY BLOOD...

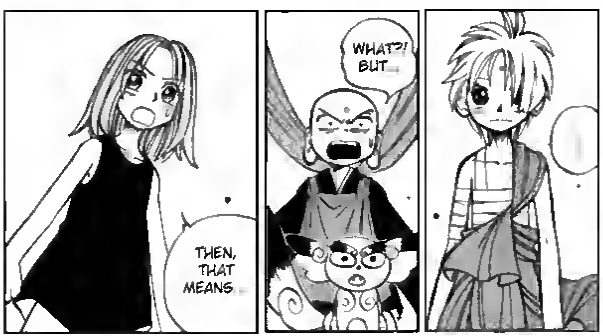
THE FORMS THAT A BUDDHA CAN TAKE ARE MULTIPLE


YES, THESE TWO ARE EMISSARIES OF KANNON
.....

.....
THEY ARE ORDERS... FROM ABOVE
I DIDN'T THINK TO SEE YOU HERE... AND SO FAST!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M HONORED TO MEET YOU, GREAT MIROKU...
...!
PAF!
!
HENCEFORTH, IT'S ME, BATO, WHO WILL ASSURE YOUR SAFETY
I'VE COME TO TAKE SENNJU'S PLACE
!
!

MANY THANKS DOCWARIO,
AKI AND KABUTO-
AND A HUGE ONE TO
NEE - THOU ROCKETH

I CAME TO RELEASE SENNJU OF HIS FUNCTIONS.
HENCEFORTH, IT'S ME, BATO, WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.

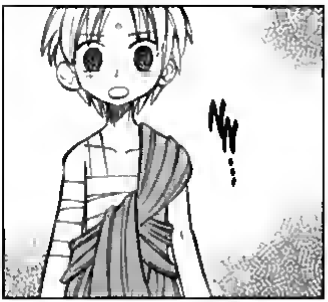

THEN, THAT MEANS...
WHAT?! BUT...

SENNJU KANNON HAS BEEN DESTITUTE
YES.

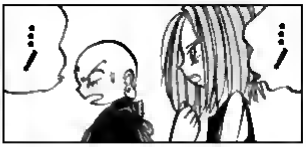
HIROYUKI TAKEI'S
ブッシドー ブレード
武士道ブレード
BUTSU !! STRONG FEELINGS, A GENUINE LOVE
WARNING!
THIS PAGE IS JUST A PRESENTATION PAGE, IT HAS NO DIRECT LINK WITH THE STORY
武士道之一

HIS NUMEROUS DEFEATS CAN'T BE FORGIVEN
USE-LESS
I, I DON'T WANT SENNJU TO BE RELEASED OF HIS FUNCTIONS!
WAIT A MOMENT!
NO!
GREAT MIROKOU THIS WORLD NEEDS YOU! ITS SALVATION TRULY DEPENDS ON YOU!
YOU SHOULD NOT COMPROMISE YOUR LIFE ANYMORE DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
!!
YES, IT'S TRUE! YOU CAN AT LEAST LET HIM COME WITH US!
BUT IT'S THANKS TO SENNJU THAT I'VE STAYED ALIVE SO FAR!

NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE
RIGHT NOW, BUDDHAS' COUNTRY IS SUFFERING A LOT OF ASSAULTS FROM MARA'S ARMY. ALL OUR WARRIORS ARE FIGHTING
WE MUST ADD THE BETRAYAL OF ASHURA AS WELL—


NN...

WE NEED EVERYONE. EVEN USELESS PEOPLE LIKE HIM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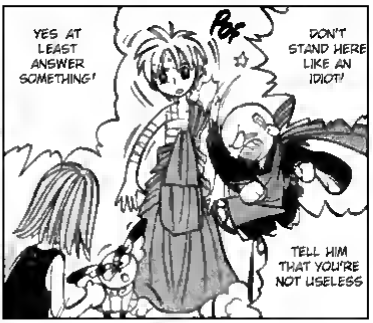
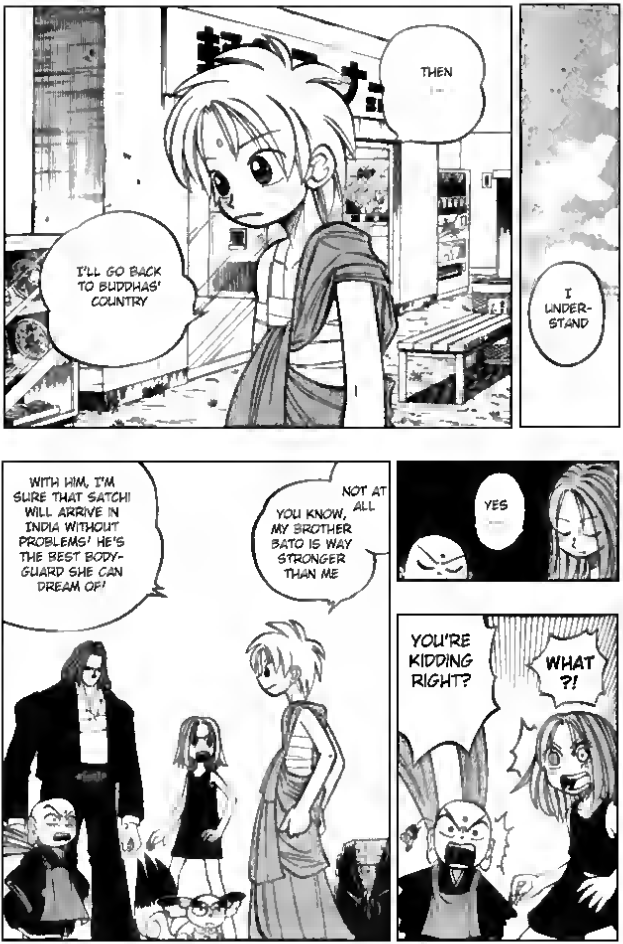

YES AT LEAST ANSWER SOMETHING!
PAF
DON'T STAND HERE LIKE AN IDIOT!
TELL HIM THAT YOU'RE NOT USELESS

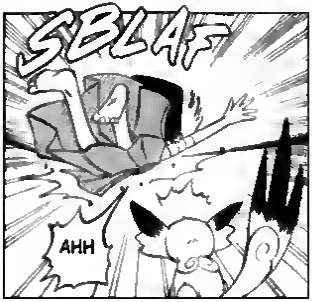

THEN
I'LL GO BACK TO BUDDHAS' COUNTRY
I UNDER-STAND
YES
NOT AT ALL
YOU KNOW, MY BROTHER BATO IS WAY STRONGER THAN ME
WITH HIM, I'M SURE THAT SATCHI WILL ARRIVE IN INDIA WITHOUT PROBLEMS! HE'S THE BEST BODY-GUARD SHE CAN DREAM OF!
YOU'RE KIDDING RIGHT?
WHAT ?!

THE GREAT SHAKYA-MUNI SAID IT A LONG TIME AGO...
BY LEAVING BEHIND MIROKU AND ASHURA...
YOU WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS IF YOU LEAVE?
SENNJU, ARE YOU SURE?
HUH
OUR GOAL IS TO PROTECT SATCHI, RIGHT? THEN, IF BATO IS WITH HER, I'M COMPLETELY REASSURED
YOU HAVE TO OBSERVE EACH THING AND EACH SITUATION WITH PRECISION
"DO NOT BECOME ATTACHED POINTLESSLY TO THINGS"
I'LL GO BACK TO SAIGAN TEMPLE, TO GIVE UP THIS TEMPORARY BODY
YES, I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT...

BUT
IN THE BUDDHAS' COUNTRY, I'LL PRAY SO THAT YOU'LL ACHIEVE ENLIGHTENMENT SAFELY
IT'S TIME TO BE SEPARATED, SATCHI
HE'S REALLY GOING TO LEAVE? BUT I DON'T WANT TO!! I DON'T WANT HIM TO LEAVE!!
I CAME SO FAR BECAUSE I BELIEVED IN HIM...!!

OUAF!
HA HA
DO LIKE ME, I SEE THE GOOD IN LIFE!
WHAT'S WRONG, KOMA? WHY ARE YOU SO SAD?
BOUUUH
!!
HE GOT HIS FEET CAUGHT IN HIS DRESS

HA
HA
OK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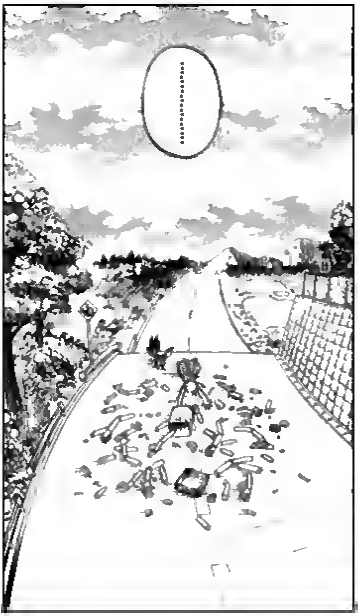

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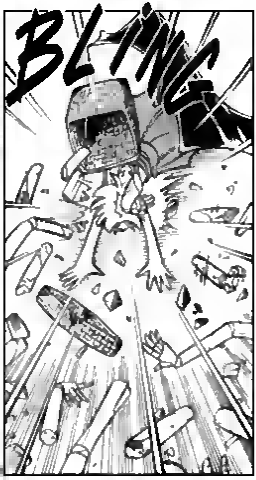
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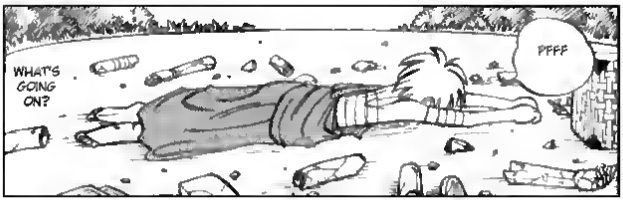
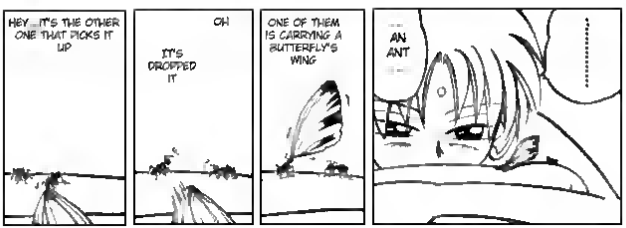
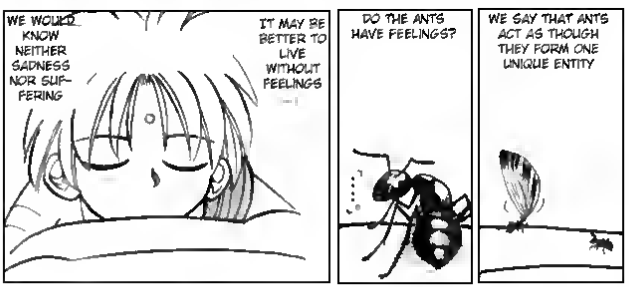
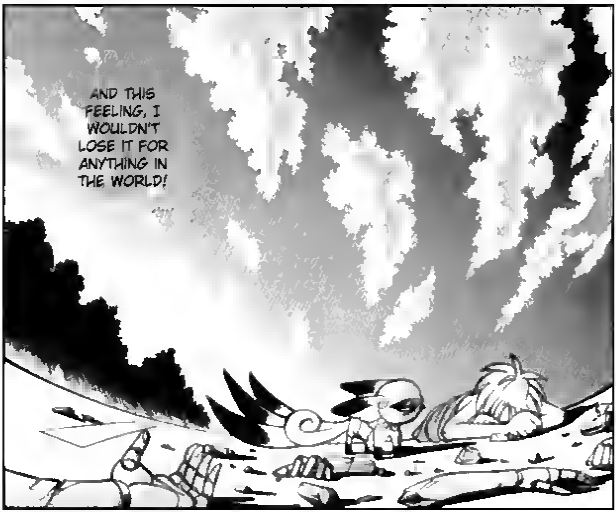

WHAT'S GOING ON?
PFFF

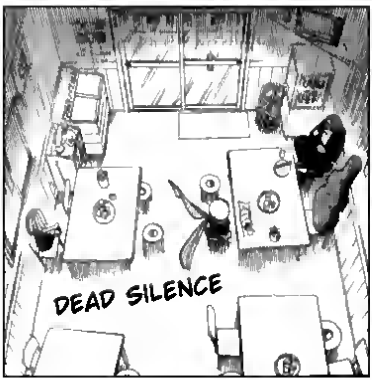
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I FEEL MYSELF SO DIVIDED
MY HEAD KNOWS WHAT IS LOGICAL BUT MY HEART DOESN'T AGREE AT ALL


HEY... IT'S THE OTHER ONE THAT PICKS IT UP
OH
IT'S DROPPED IT
ONE OF THEM IS CARRYING A BUTTERFLY'S WING
AN ANT


WE WOULD KNOW NEITHER SADNESS NOR SUFFERING
IT MAY BE BETTER TO LIVE WITHOUT FEELINGS
DO THE ANTS HAVE FEELINGS?
WE SAY THAT ANTS ACT AS THOUGH THEY FORM ONE UNIQUE ENTITY

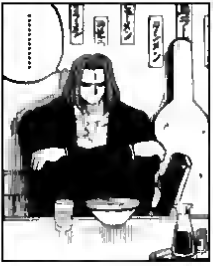
...WE WOULDN'T KNOW THE JOY EITHER
BUT...


AND THIS FEELING, I WOULDN'T LOSE IT FOR ANYTHING IN THE WORLD!


DEAD SILENCE

restaurant

SUCH A SAD ATMOSPHERE. I DON'T LIKE THAT AT ALL.
PFF...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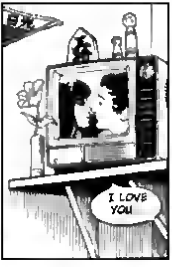
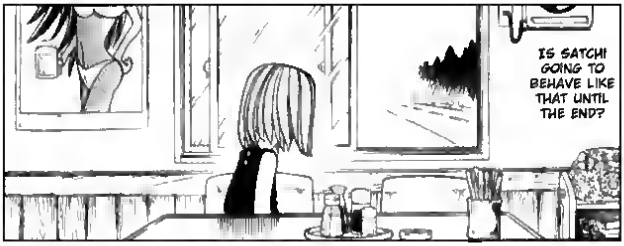
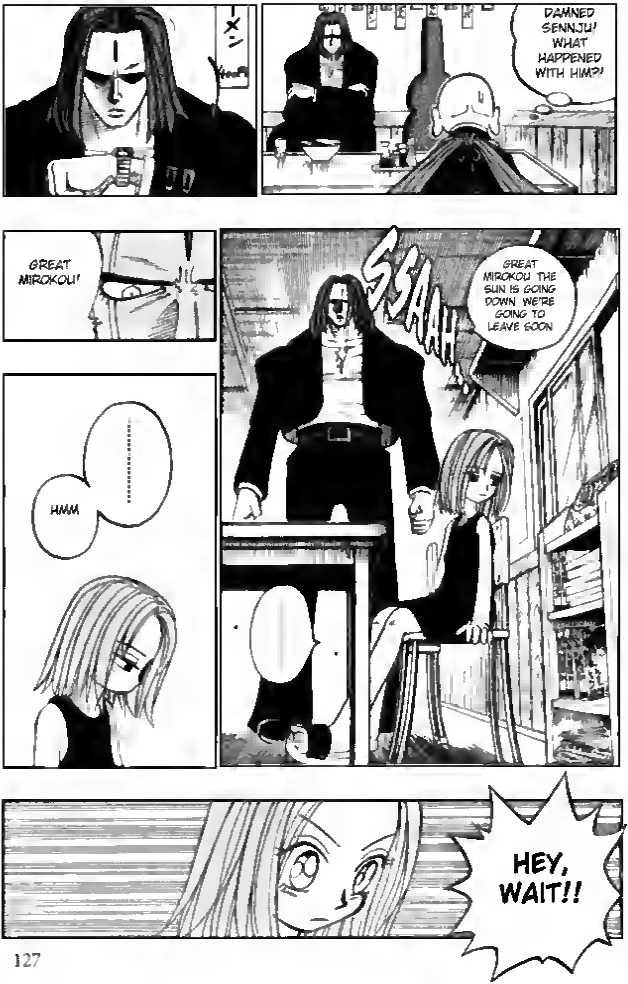
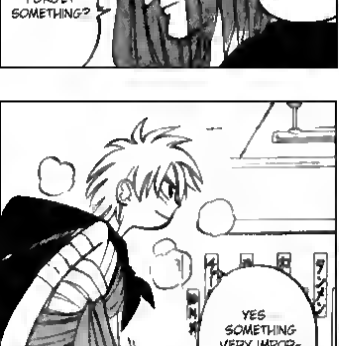

I LOVE YOU


IS SATCHI GOING TO BEHAVE LIKE THAT UNTIL THE END?

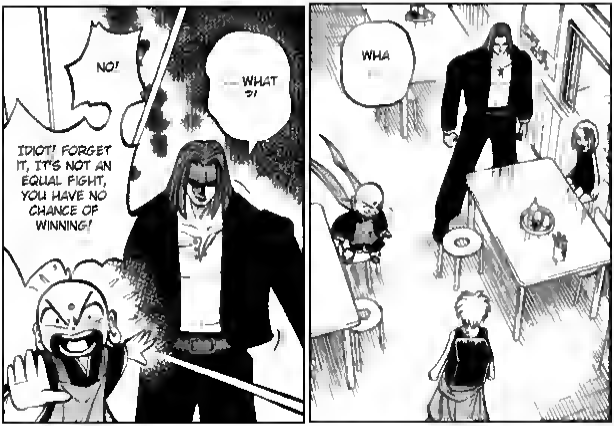

DAMNED SENNJU! WHAT HAPPENED WITH HIM?!
GREAT MIROKOU!
GREAT MIROKOU THE SUN IS GOING DOWN WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE SOON
SSAAH
HMM
HEY, WAIT!!

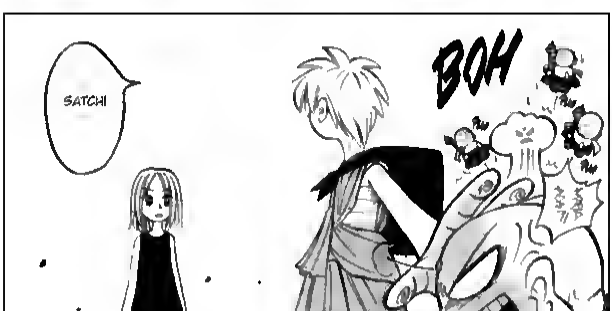
WHAT'S GOING ON? DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING?
. HMM?

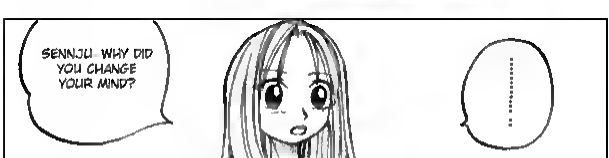

YES SOMETHING VERY IMPOR-TANT!

SENNJU
?!?

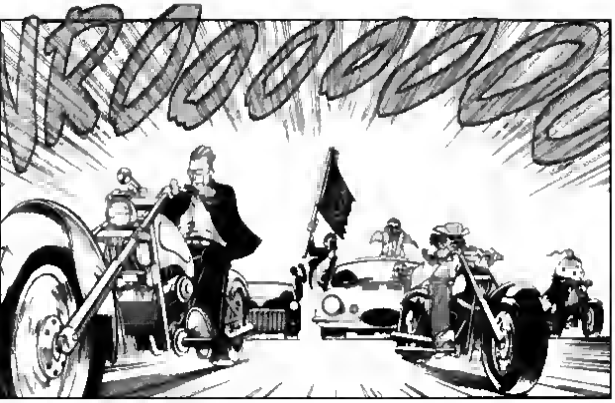
WHOEVER WINS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ESCORT MIROKOU IN INDIA!
I SUGGEST A DUEL BETWEEN US!


NO!
WHAT ?!
IDIOT! FORGET IT, IT'S NOT AN EQUAL FIGHT, YOU HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING!
WHA


SATCHI
BOH

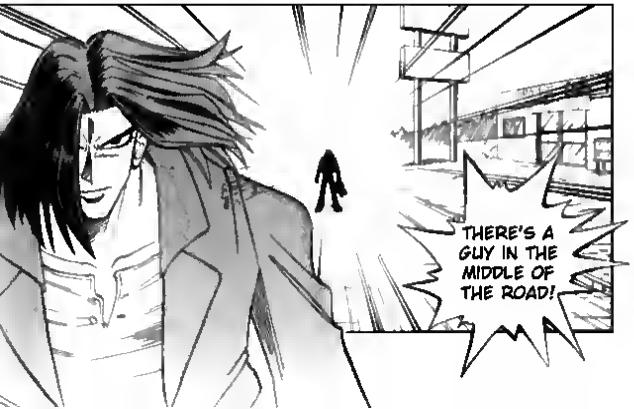

SENNJU.. WHY DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND?
.....

HMM
...I DECIDED THAT I'LL BE THE ONE TO PROTECT YOU!
SATCH!...
MY HEAD WANTS TO REASON WITH ME BUT MY HEART DOESN'T WANT TO LISTEN AT ALL
HE WHO USED TO BE SO CRAZY... HE SEEMS TO BE REALLY DECIDED!
STRANGE...IT SEEMS LIKE SENNJU CHANGED
!?
THEN
...AS I'M ALSO A BODHISATTVA, I'LL ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSITION, BUT I'LL WAIT FOR YOUR ARMOR TO BE REPAIRED
BUT DON'T FORGET
YOU WANT TO FIGHT?! BUT YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR ARMOR!—YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT WITHOUT IT, YOU DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO ENDURE ONE OF MY ATTACKS...
!!


VROOOOO

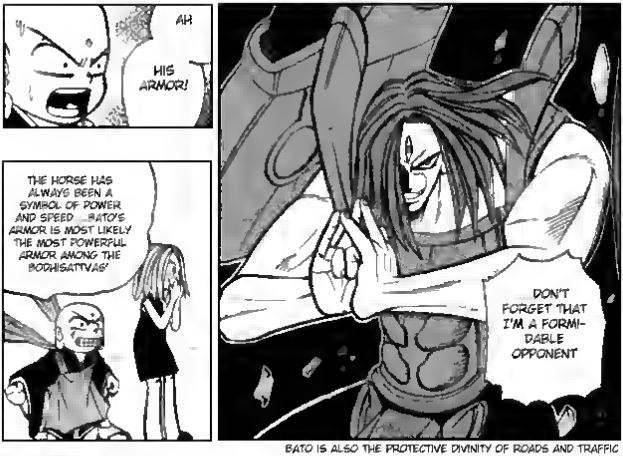
WHAT'S THAT?!
HEH!!

WE HAVE JUST DRIVEN 500 KILOMETERS
HE HE HEEE! WE'RE THE GREATEST MOTORCYCLISTS OF THIS COAST OF JAPAN!


THERE'S A GUY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD!

YEAH, WE'RE GOING TO CRUSH YOU!
VROOOOOO
HEEEEH! GET OUT OF THE WAY, IDIOT!!
YOU WANT TO PLAY?
!
!!
!!
KAN
BOO

交通
安全
PEACE ON
THE ROADS


AH
HIS ARMOR!
THE HORSE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SYMBOL OF POWER AND SPEED...BATO'S ARMOR IS MOST LIKELY THE MOST POWERFUL ARMOR AMONG THE BODHISATTVAS!
DON'T FORGET THAT I'M A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT

BATO IS ALSO THE PROTECTIVE DIVINITY OF ROADS AND TRAFFIC

BEWARE OF HIRAD SYNDROME.
IF INFECTED, SHAVE YOUR HEAD
BALD AND BECOME A MONK!

HEH'
SO IT?S A DEAL.. AS SOON AS YOUR ARMOR IS REPAIRED, LOOK FOR ME.
DOH
DOH
DOH
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU IN THE MOUNTAINS OF FEAR
IS MOTOR-CYCLE THEFT A GOOD THING?

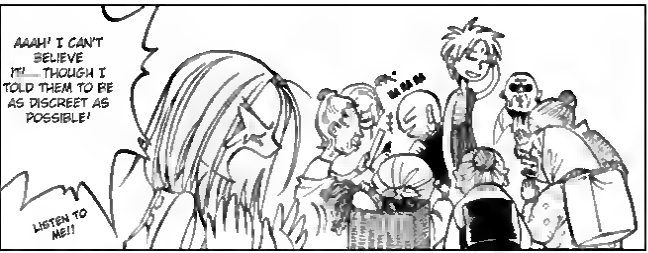
BUTSU 12 - ANNA

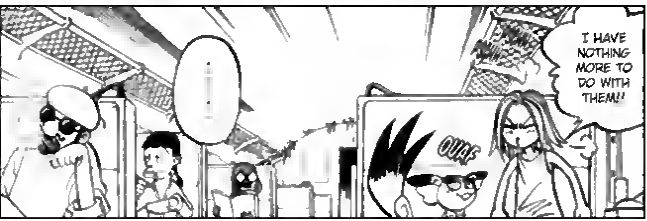
BUTSU 12 - ANNA

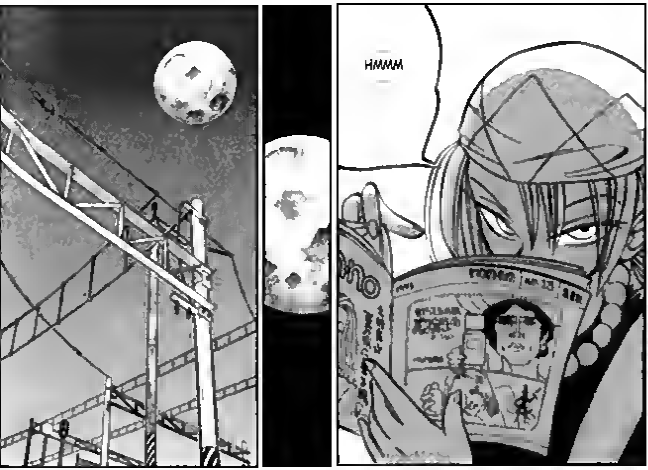
DEAR GRAND-FATHER, WE ARE CURRENTLY HEADING TOWARDS THE MOUNTAINS OF FEAR.
THANKS TO JIZO AND HIS 2,500 YEARS OF TRAVELLER PROTECTION EXPERIENCE, WE'VE TRAVELED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

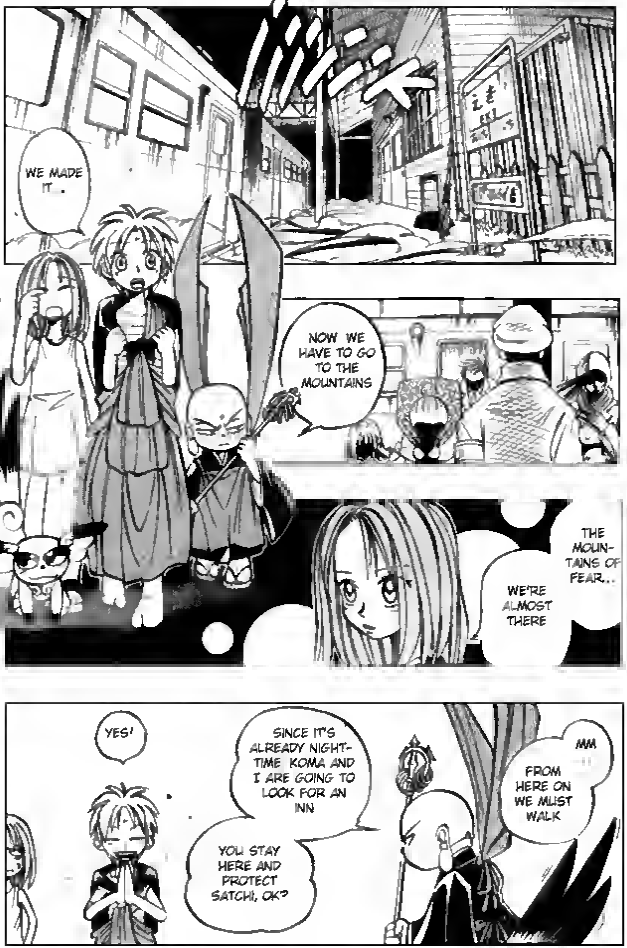
TACAC TATANN...TACAC TATANN... TACAC TATANN THE NOISE OF THE TRAIN REMINDS ME A BIT OF MY GRANDFATHER'S SNORING
MM!?
MM!?
NO, I DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE TOILET AT ALL! IT'S JUST THAT EVERYBODY IS STARING AT US BECAUSE OF YOUR WEIRD CLOTHES!! ..DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING LESS FLASHY TO WEAR?!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SATCHI? IF YOU NEED TO GO TO THE TOILET, IT'S OVER THERE
OH, NO I'VE HAD ENOUGH
NNNH
MM!?

I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THAT...
...MARA'S HENCHMEN MIGHT SPOT US VERY EASILY.
YEAH... BUT WE ARE BODHISATTVAS! IT'S NORMAL FOR US TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.
HAHA! OUR CLOTHING IS EMBARRASSING HER!
DON'T WORRY
THEY NEVER SHOW THEMSELVES DIRECTLY TO HUMANS
MARA'S DEMONS FEED OFF HUMAN DESIRES. IF THE LATTER KNEW OF THEIR EXISTENCE...
TAN TAN
TAN TAN
!?
REALLY? ...WHY?
...!
SO IT'S BETTER IF THE EXISTENCE OF MARA AND HIS TROOPS REMAINS A SECRET...
WE CAN LOGICALLY ASSUME THAT HUMANS WOULD THEN TURN TO THE BUDDHA'S EMISSARIES FOR FEAR OF FALLING INTO MARA'S CLUTCHES
WELL

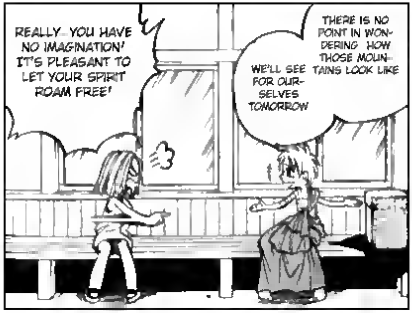

AAAH! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!... THOUGH I TOLD THEM TO BE AS DISCREET AS POSSIBLE!
LISTEN TO ME!!


I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH THEM!!

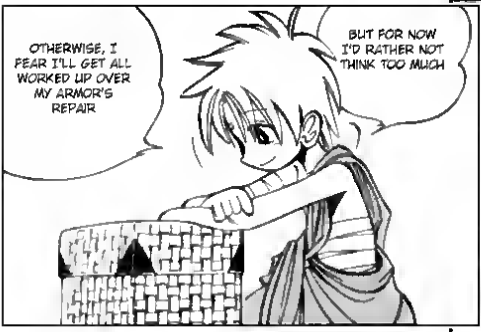

HMMM


WE MADE IT.
NOW WE HAVE TO GO TO THE MOUNTAINS
THE MOUNTAINS OF FEAR...
WE'RE ALMOST THERE
YES!
SINCE IT'S ALREADY NIGHTTIME KOMA AND I ARE GOING TO LOOK FOR AN INN
YOU STAY HERE AND PROTECT SATCHI, OK?
MM
FROM HERE ON WE MUST WALK

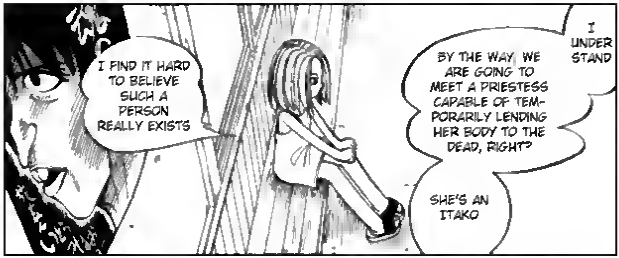
FHHH


REALLY... YOU HAVE NO IMAGINATION! IT'S PLEASANT TO LET YOUR SPIRIT ROAM FREE!
THERE IS NO POINT IN WONDERING. HOW THOSE MOUNTAINS LOOK LIKE
WE'LL SEE FOR OURSELVES TOMORROW

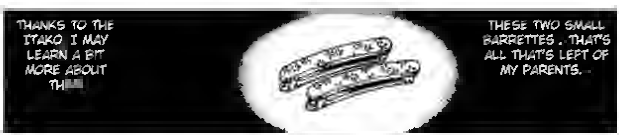
THESE MOUNTAINS ARE POPULAR
AND THE RESIDENCE OF MANY GHOSTS
THE MOUNTAINS OF FEAR
GUIDED TOUR

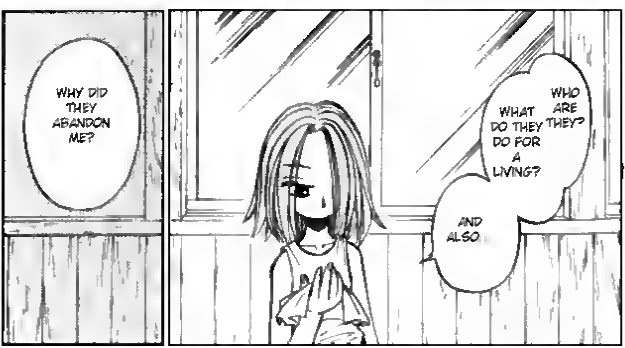

OTHERWISE, I FEAR I'LL GET ALL WORKED UP OVER MY ARMOR'S REPAIR
BUT FOR NOW I'D RATHER NOT THINK TOO MUCH

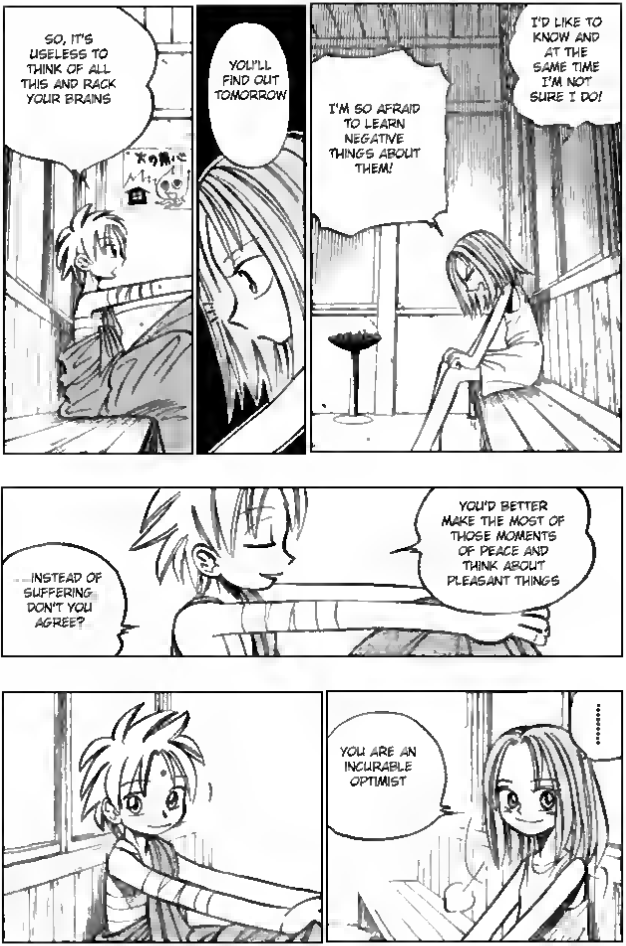
HAHA! MAYBE YOU ARE RIGHT!


I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE SUCH A PERSON REALLY EXISTS
BY THE WAY, WE ARE GOING TO MEET A PRIESTESS CAPABLE OF TEMPORARILY LENDING HER BODY TO THE DEAD, RIGHT?
I UNDERSTAND
SHE'S AN ITAKO

DAD!.. MOM!..
IT'S TRUE YOU'RE ALREADY STRANGE YOURSELF
YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT?


THANKS TO THE ITAKO I MAY LEARN A BIT MORE ABOUT TH
THESE TWO SMALL BARRETTES. THAT'S ALL THAT'S LEFT OF MY PARENTS.


WHY DID THEY ABANDON ME?
WHO ARE THEY?
WHAT DO THEY DO FOR A LIVING?
AND ALSO


SO, IT'S USELESS TO THINK OF ALL THIS AND RACK YOUR BRAINS
YOU'LL FIND OUT TOMORROW
I'M SO AFRAID TO LEARN NEGATIVE THINGS ABOUT THEM!
I'D LIKE TO KNOW AND AT THE SAME TIME I'M NOT SURE I DO!
YOU'D BETTER MAKE THE MOST OF THOSE MOMENTS OF PEACE AND THINK ABOUT PLEASANT THINGS
...INSTEAD OF SUFFERING DON'T YOU AGREE?
YOU ARE AN INCURABLE OPTIMIST
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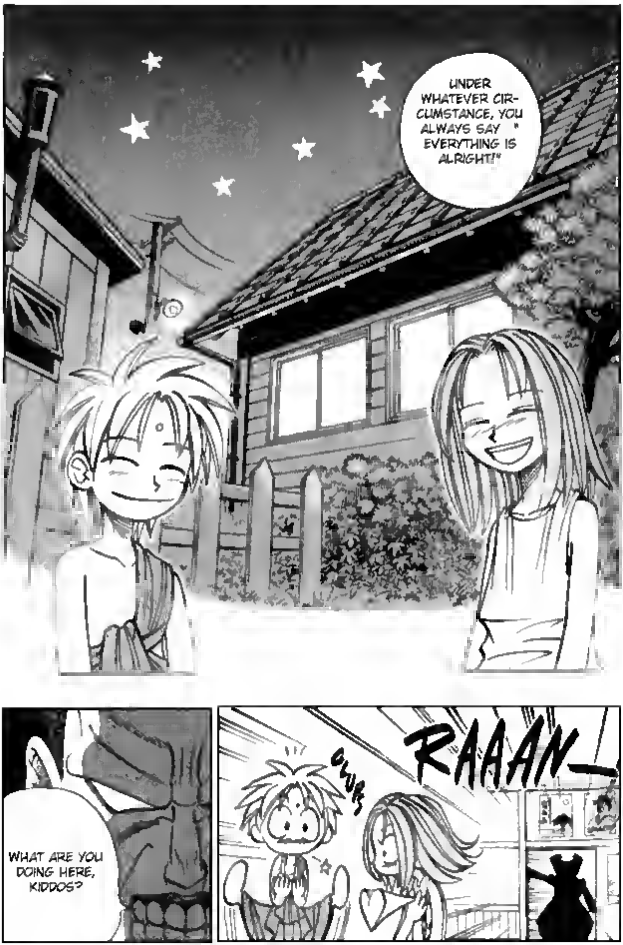
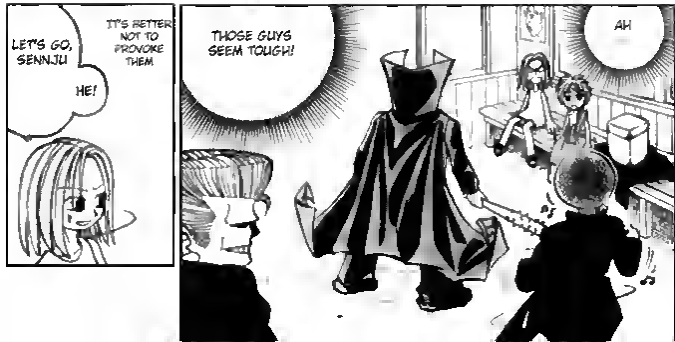

UNDER WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCE, YOU ALWAYS SAY " EVERYTHING IS ALRIGHT!"
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, KIDDOS?
GLUK
RAAAN—

...IS THE MEETING PLACE FOR THE LOCAL BAD BOYS!
AT NIGHT, THE STATION HALL..
EH!
WHAT ARE KIDS DOING HERE AT SUCH A LATE HOUR?


LET'S GO, SENNJU
IT'S BETTER NOT TO PROVOKE THEM
HE!
THOSE GUYS SEEM TOUGH!
AH

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN... SENNJU, I BEG YOUUUU! (WHAT A HUGE COLLAR!)
NOOOOOO
HEY, YOU! DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S BAD TO SMOKE AT YOUR AGE! AREN'T YOU ASHAMED?!
GAAH
CIGARETTES ARE BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH! IF YOU SMOKE THEM TOO MUCH...
I DON'T LET FILTHY MIDGETS GIVE ME ADVICE!
WHAT DID YOU SAY ...KID?!
SHUT UP!!
WHAM!
AAAHHH!... SENNJU!

THAT SHRIMP SHOULDN'T HAVE MEDDLED IN OTHER PEOPLE'S AFFAIRS!
AN ORDINARY BOY?! WITH THIS WEIRD OUTFIT?!
WITHOUT HIS ARMOR, SENNJU IS JUST AN ORDINARY BOY! IT'S NOT NICE TO HIT HIM LIKE THAT!
ARE...
ARE YOU NUTS?!
WHY DON'T WE HAVE SOME FUN WITH HER. WE ARE ALONE HERE FOR NOW
SAY, BOSS, THE MORE I LOOK AT THAT GIRL THE MORE ALLURING SHE BECOMES
AAAHH!
LET ME GO!
WHAT?! SENNJU

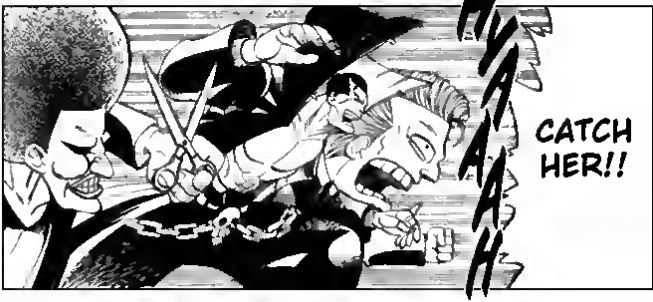
!!!
HI HI HI...
YOU DARE SAY THIS POOR FELLOW IS STRANGELY DRESSED? DID YOU EVER LOOK AT YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR?
YOU ARE A BUNCH OF SORE ... LOSERS

SO, YOU SAY WE'RE LOSERS?!
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?! HOW DID YOU GET IN?!

WHAT ?

WANT SOME ACTION? HERE WE GO!
HEHE... YOU TALK BIG...

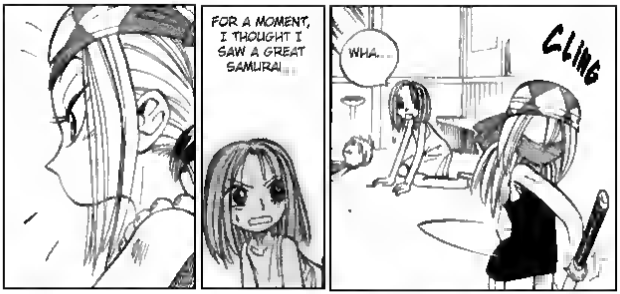
...!

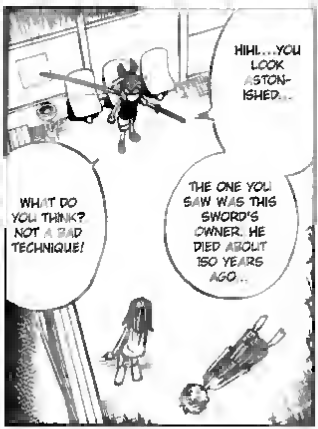

HYAAAH
CATCH HER!!

SSAAH
DON'T YOU AGREE, GREAT SAMURAI?
THEY REALLY ARE LOSERS...

IF YOU'LL ALLOW IT, I'M GONNA BORROW YOUR STRENGTH FOR A MOMENT...
BOH
.....!!

OUAH
WUAAH! WHAT'S THAAAAT?!
HUH?
SAH
SAH
SAH
ER
.....
OOOH
SHE'S A MONSTER!!
WUAAH !!
OUAH




HIHI...YOU LOOK ASTON-ISHED...
WHAT DO YOU THINK? NOT A BAD TECHNIQUE!
THE ONE YOU SAW WAS THIS SWORD'S OWNER. HE DIED ABOUT 150 YEARS AGO...

BUTSU ZONE VOLUME 2/ THE END

DEATH ZERO

FOREWORD

THIS SHORT STORY BELONGS TO MY "YOUTH WORKS". IN FACT IT IS THE SECOND STORY I HAVE WRITTEN AND EVEN TODAY, IN RETROSPECT, I FIND THAT THE PRINCIPAL IDEA WASN'T BAD AT ALL! NOWADAYS, THERE'S STILL A GOOD NUMBER OF FIGHTING AIRCRAFTS IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SOUTH SEAS ABOUT ALL THESE PILOTS WHO DIED AT THEIR COMMANDS AND DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO EJECT. I WONDER... ABOUT WHAT DO THEY THINK? WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE? THEY MUST CERTAINLY BE HORRIBLE TO SEE COULD IT BE THAT ONE OF THEM CAN WAKE UP FROM THE DEAD, TO COME BACK HOME? IF IT WAS THE CASE, WE COULD CALL HIM "SHIKIGAMI" (GOD OF DEATH IN JAPANESE) AND HE SHOULD WEAR A SABER ON HIS BELT RATHER THAN A RIFLE ACROSS THE SHOULDER. WELL, NOW, I'LL LET YOU READ ONE OF MY VERY FIRST WORKS "DEATH ZERO"

HIROYUKI TAKEI

THE FIRST ONE WHO SAYS THAT IT LOOKS LIKE THE "GHOST RIDER" FROM MARVEL I'LL GIVE HIM A KNOCK ON THE HEAD!

DEATH/ZERO

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BECOME PILOTS?
QUES-TION

HAD TO DO SOME-THING AT LEAST!
—I AND YOU, THEN?
TO BETTER PICK UP!
ME, I LOVE AIR-PLANES

*JAPANESE WAR AIR-CRAFT WELL KNOWN AND ESPECIALLY FAST0 USED DURING THE WORLD WAR TO MAINLY BATTLE AGAINST THE AMERI-CANS, DURING WHAT WE CALLED "THE PA-CIFIC WAR"
TO PILOT A "ZERO"*

OUAAAH !!
HEY! LOOK AT THAT!
HE'S TOTALLY CRAZY THIS PILOT!!
OUCH OUCH OUCH
WHAT WAS IT?
EH!
!
LET'S GO SEE THIS FOOL! ...I HAVE FEW WORDS TO SAY TO HIM!
HE'S LANDED
IT SEEMS TO BE PRECISELY A "ZERO"!
IT'S A REPLICA! IT CAN'T BE AN ORIGINAL PLANE, IN THIS STATE?!

SAAH
AAAAA HHH-HHH! HEEEE LP!!
TAN TAN TAN
ONE MOMENT !!

I NEED SOME FUEL...
WH... WHO ARE YOU?
HE'S WEARING A MASK!
LIKE IN THE MOVIES!
HE TALKED!
DEATH ZERO... THE PILOT OF THE HERE-AFTER
WHAT'S THIS BAD JOKE?!
DO YOU SEE WHAT TIME IT IS?!
IT WON'T GO THAT WAY
A SKELETON PILOTING A ZERO FROM WORLD WAR TWO IS COMING TOWARD MY RESIDENCE
HUH... YOU SAY?!?
CEO MR. KAIZO OME

I CAN ASSURE YOU IT'S THE TRUTH!
I DON'T LIE!
THERE ARE EVEN WITNESSES!

BEST GUY
I SWEAR BOSS!

HE'S TALKING TO THE BIG BOSS OF THE OB GROUP. HE'S THE BOSS OF ALL OF US.
WHO IS IT?

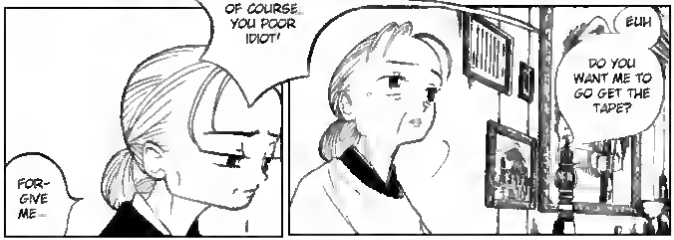
BUT TODAY HE'S JUST A BIG F**K.
IT SEEMS HE'S SOME GUY, DURING THE WAR, WAS THE ONLY ONE OF HIS SQUADRON TO HAVE SURVIVED.

DON'T CALL ME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT TO TELL ME SUCH BULLSHIT!!
THE NEXT TIME, YOU'RE FIRED!

HMM...
I WONDER WHAT THIS GUY, WITH THIS GROTESQUE MASK, WANTS WITH THE BOSS...

OK... IT'S GOOD...
...FOR THIS ONCE!

WE MADE A VIDEO RECORD? I SENT IT TO YOU
HMM

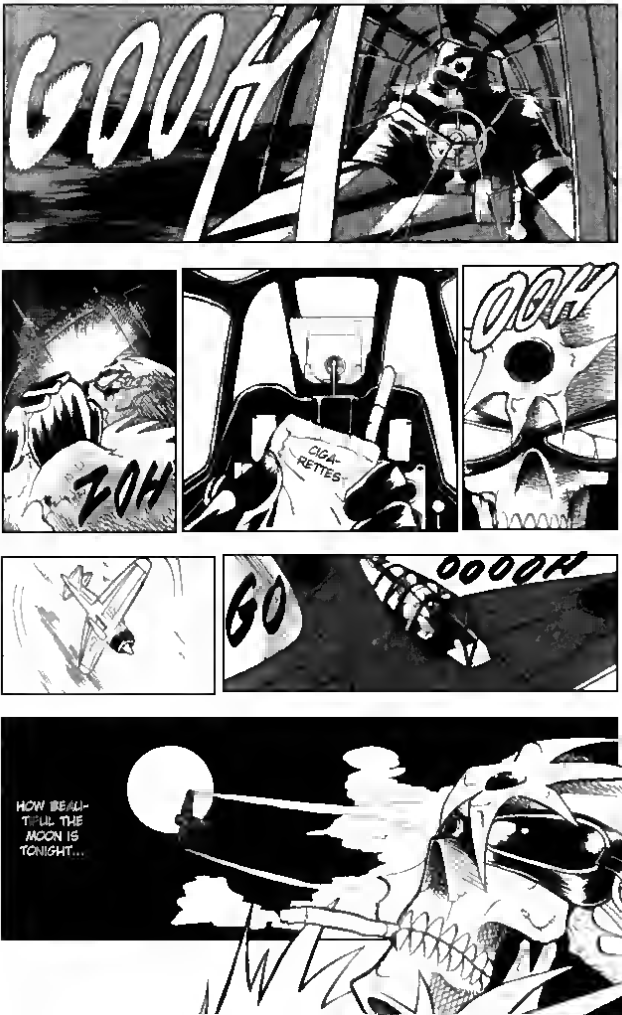

OF COURSE... YOU POOR IDIOT!
FOR-GIVE ME...
EUH
DO YOU WANT ME TO GO GET THE TAPE?

FORGIVE ME...

YOU'RE USELESS
HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED HERE?! ... I THINK YOU'RE LOSING IT! YOU'RE TOO OLD, TODAY! I'LL HAVE TO FIRE YOU!
FU--AAH

YES ...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS THAT SHE'S WORKED HERE
MOREOVER
BUT DESPITE ALL OF THE INSULTS, SHE HAS NEVER LEFT
NO WAY!
WHO DOES HE THINK HE HIS?
WHAT ?!?
AAAAH
NO... IT'S IM-POS-SIBLE!!

NO
TH...
THIS PLANE!
THIS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER!!
47-515
IT'S NOT A MISTAKE. IT'S REALLY THE SAME AIRCRAFT.
47-515
HOW...
...IS IT POSSIBLE?!
YET... HE DISAPPEARED AT SEA! HIS PLANE WAS DESTROYED!
SO...
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE...?!
...SAKOURA!!


GOOH
ZOH
CIGA-
RETTES
OOH
GO
OOOOH
HOW BEAU-
TIFUL THE
MOON IS
TONIGHT...

UNFORTU-
NATELY...
WE WON'T BE
ABLE TO SEE IT
TOGETHER...
...NO!
WE'LL
BE
ABLE
TO!

I'M NOT A BEGINNER! I'LL BE BACK... AND ALIVE!
BELIEVE ME!
THEN, I'LL BE WAITING.
ATTENTION!
YOU JUST ENTERED A PROTECTED AIRSPACE!
WE ORDER YOU TO FOLLOW US!
OR ELSE, WE'LL HAVE TO...

THOSE ARE THE ORDERS, YES OR NO?!
HEH, OH! YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE NOT GOING TOO FAR?!
...TO SHOOT YOU DOWN!!
THE BIG BOSS WASN'T LAUGHING WHEN HE GAVE US THOSE ORDERS!
YES
I REFUSE TO OBEY
AND NO ONE WOULD DARE OPPOSE HIM
DO DO DO DO
DO DO
DON'T GET IN MY WAY
OR YOU'LL DIE!
UNDER-STOOD?!
BIIP

GOOD HEAVENS, ONE COULD TELL THAT YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'RE MESSING WITH!!
YOU WANT TO FIGHT?!
OHAHA HA HA! YOU EXPECT TO BEAT US WITH YOUR FLYING TRASH CAN?!
WITH YOUR ABSURD SKELETON MASK?!
INTERCEPT HIM IMMEDIATELY!
ZOOOOOH
DAH
DAH
DAH
DAH
.....
SAH

NOOH
BUT, WE'RE JUST WARMING UP!!
HE DODGED IT!
EH!!
THIS TIME IT'S BULL'S EYE!
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
CLIC
WHAT ?!?
!?

IS IT REALLY A PLANE FROM FIFTY YEARS AGO?!
DID YOU SEE THAT?!
WE CAN'T LOSE!
WHAT IT WAS ABLE TO DO DOESN'T MATTER! TECHNICALLY, WE'RE SUPERIOR IN EVERY ASPECT
NYAAH
VROOO
YES... THERE'S NO DOUBT... IT'S MOBILITY IS UNIQUE
YOU UNDERSTAND NOW WHY IT WAS OUR ARMY'S PRIDE
I HOPE
DAH DAH DAH DAH DAH
ROOO

MORE-OVER...
OLD PLANES LIKE THIS ONE DON'T LEAVE ANY VISIBLE TRACE ON OUR RADARS
WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE A VISUAL FIGHT, FAIR AND SQUARE! — AND THE MOST SKILL-FUL WILL WIN!
IDIOT! HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR MISSILE TO FIND HIS REACTORS HEAT? HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY!!!
I'LL SEND HIM A HOMING MISSILE!!
I'LL ACTI-VATE THEIR INFRARED AIMING!!
WE'RE EQUIPPED WITH STAN-DARD MIS-SILES!
OH SHIT!!
DON'T FORGET THAT THIS PILOT SEEMS TO BE A TRUE PRO!
DAH

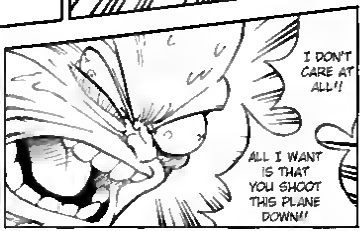
BUT
HOW CAN HE?
WILL HE SUCCEED IN DEFEATING US... AND SHOOT US DOWN?
... WHO COULD HE BE?!
BECAUSE THE TIME OF YOUR DEATH HASN'T COME YET...
WHY DOESN'T HE ATTACK US?!
EH!
GAHH
!?
NOOH
WATCH OUT!
HUH? THEN, WHAT IS IT?
IT'S NOT THAT!
I'M STILL TOO YOUNG TO DIE...
YES
HOW DO I KNOW?
...A
...!

IT'S VERY SIMPLE... I'M A DEATH GOD!! HA HA HA HA!
OUAA HH!!
DAH DAH
STOP FOOLING AROUND!!
WHAT'S THIS STORY?! A CRAZY FOOL WHO WEARS A SKELETON MASK AND PRETENDS TO BE A DEATH GOD?!
AN ARMORED ANTI-AIRCRAFT TYPE 87!!
IT'S...
GOOH
!
WHAT IS THIS THING?!
LOOK!

IDIOTS! YOU'RE THE WORST!
!

WAAH!

SORRY SIR, BUT WE ALSO HAVE PLANES UP THERE!!
OR ELSE YOU'RE FIRED!!
HURRY UP SHOOTING DOWN THIS PLANE!!
BOF


I DON'T CARE AT ALL!!
ALL I WANT IS THAT YOU SHOOT THIS PLANE DOWN!!

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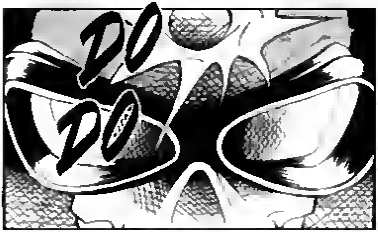

DO
DO

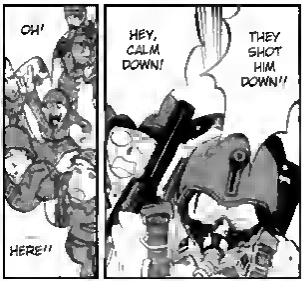
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO

GAAAAA
DAH DAH DAH DAH
ROOOO
YOU MIGHT BE VERY SKILLFUL BUT YOU WON'T ESCAPE A DCA SHOT!!
DON'T DO THAT!!
OH!!
EH!!
COME BACK!!
SURRENDER!!

BLAAM!

HA HA HAAA!! HE'S DONE!! ... AND HERE I WORRIED FOR NOTHING!!
Hi Hi
AND HERE'S THE RESULT!

ROOOOOOO


OH!
HERE!!
HEY, CALM DOWN!
THEY SHOT HIM DOWN!!

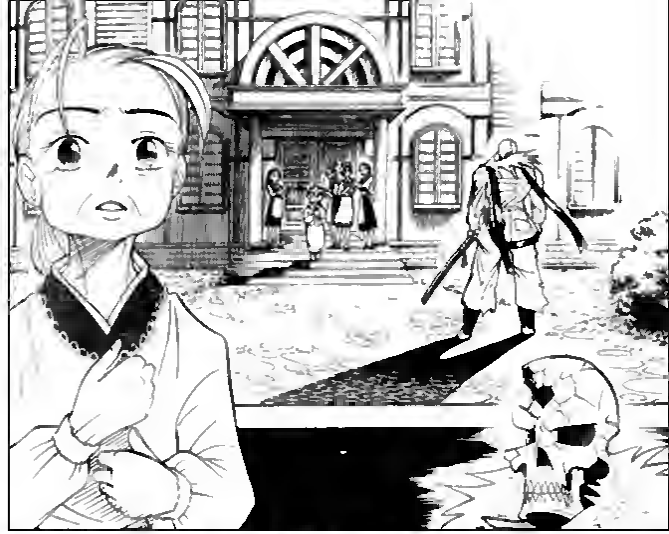
IAAAH
HH!!!
DAH DAH DAH DAH
DAH

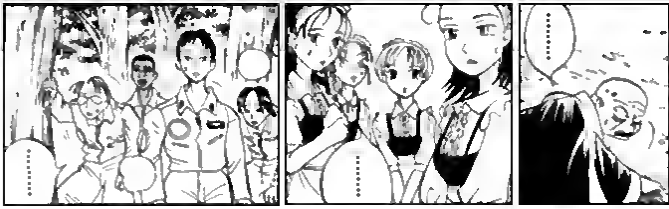
AN UNDEAD!
OUHH
A GHOST!!
OUHH
IT'S A ZOMBIE!
BOOM
IT'S ME... WHO DID IT...
THIS HOLE... ON HIS FORE-HEAD...
S SA.

... HE'S STILL IN ONE PIECE?! THEN, IS IT A MASK HE WEARS OR NOT?!
IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS
HE WAS SERIOUS...
... SAKOURA!!
EUH
WAIT A LITTLE, SAKOURA!! I'M VERY HAPPY THAT YOU'RE SAFE!! ALL THIS IS JUST AN AWFUL MISUNDERSTANDING!!
POW
YES, YES
THERE'S STILL SOMETHING THAT TICKS ME
MM
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT A SKELETON IS ABLE TO MOVE ALL ALONE!! SO YOU WILL SHOW US YOUR TRUE FACE, AND FASTER THAN THAT!!
HUAAH

.....
CLING
PAN
PAN
PAN
FLAP
FLAP
OUA-
AAHH!
IT'S A REAL
SKELETON!!
OUAAHH
GRAG
GRAG
I BEG YOU,
FORGIVE ME!!
SAKOU-
RA!!
I DIDN'T
WANT TO KILL
YOU!!
I...
AAH
HE CAME
TO KILL
ME!
GHH

HERE, TAKE THIS! MONEY SHOULD HAVE SOME VALUE, EVEN IN HELL!
PLEASE! I BEG YOU ON MY KNEES!
YOUR PRICE IS MINE
OUAAH
IT'S TRUE IT WAS UN THOUGHT-FUL OF ME...
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO FIND OUT THAT I WAS SELLING INFORMATION TO THE ENEMY, WHEN WE WERE AT WAR
IN HELL, THERE'S NO MONEY
?
?
!?
TAH
TAH
YOU'LL SEE... HELL CAN BE WORSE THAN YOU IMAGINE
YOUR PLACE IS ALREADY RE-SERVED OVER THERE... SOME DEMONS AWAIT YOU IMPATIENTLY





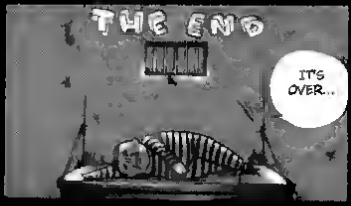
IS IT REALLY YOU...?
DEAR

AM I ALREADY DEAD?
IT'S NOTHING
YES
I'M SORRY TO HAVE MADE YOU WAIT SO LONG...
MOREOVER, I'M NOT COMING BACK IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS SHAPE
I'M SO HAPPY THAT YOU COULD KEEP YOUR PROMISE, EVEN AFTER YOUR DEATH
IT WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME... I'VE FELT THAT MY LAST HOUR WAS CLOSING IN
BUT, I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE YOU WHO WOULD COME TO TAKE ME, IN A SHINIGAMI'S FORM
MISS!
!
MISS!
ME TOO I'M HAPPY THAT YOU STAYED HERE... WAITING FOR ME

IT WAS HER ONLY LINK WITH HER LOST LOVE
IT'S BECAUSE OF THIS PHOTO
NOW...
I UNDERSTAND WHY SHE WAS SO SET ON STAYING HERE
DEATH ZERO...
玉松食堂
IT'S UNDER THIS ONE CONDITION THAT HE CAN COME BACK IN THE WORLD OF THE LIVING, STILL IN HIS OWN BODY
A PERSON WHOS FALLS TO HELL, SOMETIMES COME BACK AS A SHINIGAMI A DEATH DIVINITY TO ACHIEVE WHAT HE BEGAN

DEATH ZERO

FIN



A FEW SNAPSHOTS

HELLO EVERYBODY! YES, THIS SECOND VOLUME IS ALREADY FINISHED ONE MORE TIME, WE STOP THE STORY AT A DECISIVE MOMENT... TO GET THE FOLLOWING, YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW SOME PATIENCE (JUST LIKE US)... SEE YOU VERY SOON!

JIZO LEAVES JAPAN. EVEN FROM THE BACK WE CAN SEE ALL THE SADNESS WEIGHING DOWN ON HIS SHOULDERS

BATO IS SO MANLY THAT HE HAS TO SHAVE FIVE TIMES A DAY

IN INDIA

SENNJU AND ASHURA ARE GOING FOR A WALK IN ONE OF THE NUMEROUS MARKETS OF THE TOWN. INDIA IS A COUNTRY SO BEAUTIFUL THAT EVEN THE OVNIS COME TO VISIT

IN ACTION, IN A CALCUTTA HOTEL

BODHISATTVAS THAT WE DON'T SEE A LOT DURING THE STORY.<1>

IN THE WORLD, THERE'S OBVIOUSLY LOTS OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT WE SAY. FUDO IS A BODHISATTVA WHO HAS FOR TASK TO PUNISH ALL THOSE IDIOTS. THANKS TO HIS LEGENDARY STRENGTH (WHICH IS A STRONG INTIMIDATION POWER) WHEN PEOPLE BECOME CONSCIOUS THAT A BODHISATTVA AS TERRIBLE EXISTS, IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE. IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW HIS ADVICES, HE CUTS YOU TWICE WITH HIS HUGE SHARP SWORD "KURIKARA RYU" (GREAT BLACK DRAGON) ON HIS RIGHT HIP (AND SOMETIMES IN HIS RIGHT HAND), HE CARRIES A CHAIN WHICH HE USES TO CATCH THE BAD GUYS OR TO GATHER AND LINK HIS FAITHFUL ONES

BODHISATTVAS THAT WE DON'T SEE A LOT DURING THE STORY <Z>

THE KING AIZENN MYO

(KING OF MAGICAL SCIENCES, [illegible])

AIZENN MYO

HE SYMBOLIZES LOVE. IF IT'S ABOUT PUTTING TWO PEOPLE TOGETHER, IT'S HIM THAT WE SEE ARRIVING. HE HAS THREE FACES AND SIX ARMS. WITH FUDO, HE FORMS THE MOST POWERFUL DUO OF PROTECTOR KINGS OF THE BUDDHIC LAW. AIZENN OWNS THE MOST POWERFUL ARMOR OF THE BUDDHAS' WORLD. YOU NOTICED THAT HE HAD TWO POWERFUL ARBALEST ON EACH FORE-ARM. THEY HAVE THE SAME FUNCTION AS CUPID'S BOW, WHICH PROVES THAT HE IS BUDDHIC LOVE'S PROTECTOR FOR SURE! AH, BY THE WAY, AIZENN LIKES SWEET AND PRETTY GIRLS WITH BIG CHEST? BUT YOU MIGHT KNOW THAT ALREADY

WHAT SENJUU IS THINKING RIGHT NOW:

Why the hell do I even bother fighting demons?!

I have EIGHT hands, sure....

Now, I only have to layer them with some sort of flesh like skin...

Then I can give some girls a REALLY GOOD time!

Now if only I have eight penises....

Oh baby!!!
Let me count the ways!!!

Yo hirad, here's all of it.
YATTTAAAAA!

-hee